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## High-ranking team to see Soviet weaponry

# Kuwaiti military delegation visits Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug. 29, (Agencies): A high-ranking Kuwaiti military delegation led by Army Chief-of-Staff Major General Mezyed Al Sane arrived in Moscow today for a six-day official visit to the Soviet Union.

During the visit, Al Sane will discuss with Soviet officials "spheres of military co-operation," Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said.

### Deal

The delegation will also get acquainted with sophisticated Soviet weaponry, it said. But the agency gave no indication what weapons were on Kuwait's shopping list.

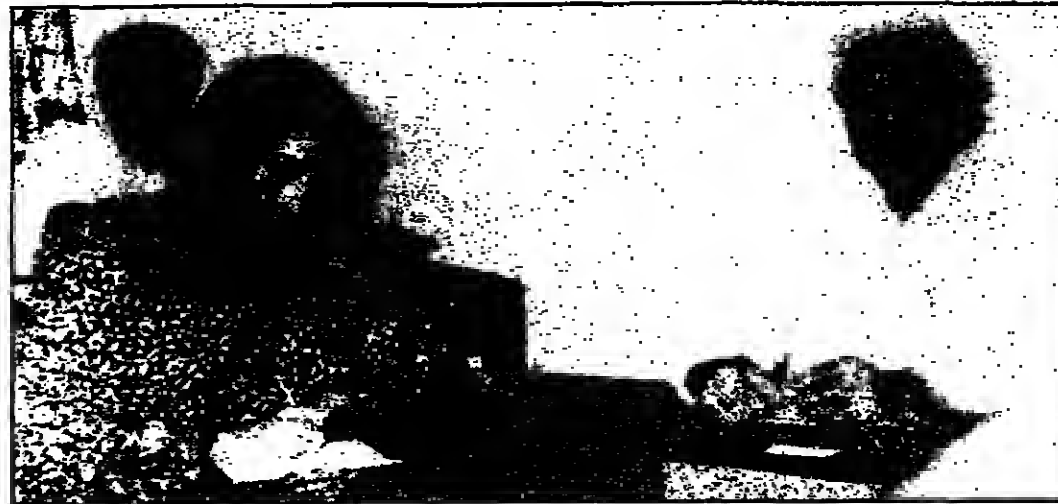
KUNA said the visit was part of Kuwait's policy of balancing its relations with the big powers and diversifying sources of arms. The trip came two days after the government signed a \$1.9-billion deal with the United States to purchase 40 F-18 jet fighters and air-to-ground Maverick missiles.

Kuwait will be the first Middle East country to obtain these warplanes. Last month, Kuwait also signed a multi-million dollar arms deal with the Soviet Union, reportedly involving the supply of 245 armoured personnel carriers.

Kuwait also reflagged three of its tankers with the Soviet ensign last summer, to thwart Iranian gunboat attacks on neutral ship-

ping. Diplomats estimate three to four Soviet warships patrol the strategic waterway, but said they do not provide regular escorts for Kuwaiti ships as the US fleet does. Gulf Arab countries recently turned to the Soviets and their allies for weapons after facing difficulties convincing the US Congress to ratify some deals, criticised by the Jewish lobby.

Kuwait has earmarked \$5 billion for defence procurements over the next five years. Al Sane was received in Moscow by the Chief-of-Staff of the Soviet armed forces Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, top Soviet military officials and the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdul Mohsen Al Duaij.



Benazir (left) and Wali Khan attending a meeting of the leaders of the MRD. (Reuters wirephoto)

## MRD meets to plan strategy

# Junejo demands new government

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 29, (Agencies): Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo today joined a growing chorus of opposition demands for the sacking of Pakistan's federal and provincial governments to prevent rigging of November's elections.

Junejo's Pakistan Muslim League (PML) called on acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to replace the four provincial chief ministers, who split with Junejo over the weekend, and the federal cabinet with caretaker administrators.

### Replace

"The PML and all other political parties cannot tolerate sub-partisan people in the government where they can manipulate and rig the forthcoming elections," a party resolution said.

Military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a mystery air crash on Aug. 17, sacked Junejo's civilian government and

the provincial administrations last May.

He nominated interim administrations, mostly PML members, to replace them until the elections and these officials are still in place under Ishaq Khan.

Junejo was echoing the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), the main opposition alliance, whose leaders were meeting in Karachi today to discuss election strategy.

"If the (current) government is not dismissed, the legacy of undemocratic and unrepresentative rule will continue to haunt the people and the political parties," leftwinger Khan Abdul Wali Khan told reporters before the MRD meeting began. He said the party chiefs would meet tonight to debate plans for member parties to run individually under the MRD banner.

The Supreme Court announced yesterday it would hear a

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## Let Sunday be the day off: Pakistani businessmen

KARACHI, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Pakistan should switch its weekly day off from Friday to Sunday because it is losing trade with the rest of the world, business leaders said today.

They welcomed a move by the government at the weekend to reverse a 1984 decision giving civil servants Saturday off as well and to return to six-day working. But Friday was the wrong day to take off, they said.

Switched "We lose three days because of our weekly holiday on Friday," said Akbar Ali Haswani, President of the Karachi Cotton Association.

Sunday was day off for most Pakistanis until 1977 when it was switched to Friday on the orders of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in the face of a pro-Islamic campaign.

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the country's supreme trade body, said it would also push for a return to the Sunday day off after consulting religious scholars.

# Gulf peace talks still at square one

GENEVA, Aug. 29, (Agencies): Iraq wants Iran's agreement to free navigation in the Gulf and Shatt Al Arab waterway before progress can be made at the Geneva peace talks, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said today.

"The (ceasefire) commitments on land and in the air have to be applied to the ceasefire at sea. Then there will be an acceptable balance," Aziz told a news conference.

Iran said on Aug. 19 it would continue to search ships suspected of carrying war material to Iraq under international law until a stable peace was concluded.

### Unacceptable

"We have not found any (Iranian) good faith to bring lasting peace ... the Iranian position is unacceptable," Aziz said. "We are still at square one. We are still discussing the commitments relative to the ceasefire."

But Aziz said he would stay in Geneva to continue the talks, which started on Thursday and have run into unexpected difficulties over the first article of UN Security Council Resolution 598, which forms the agenda.

The talks resumed at a downgraded, technical level this morning, with experts from the two sides present but without the foreign ministers, who head the teams.

"The negotiations are continuing, without underrating the difficulties we face at the moment," UN spokesman Francois Guiliani told reporters. "There is no break, no deadlock."

Experts from the Iraqi and Iranian delegations met until one am (2300 GMT yesterday) in try to resolve differences but there was no indication any compromise was reached.

After the meeting yesterday, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the mediator, said he was "constantly putting forward ideas" and "building

bridges between the two sides" to keep talks going.

"It is a very difficult negotiation," Perez de Cuellar said.

"I have found unexpected difficulties with the first paragraph of Resolution 598."

That paragraph called for the ceasefire and withdrawal of forces to internationally recognised boundaries under UN observer force monitoring.

Only then could the International Committee of the Red Cross begin the repatriation of an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 prisoners of war.

Aziz said Iraq since July 1987 had asked for the United Nations to clear the Shatt Al Arab, blocked with half-sunken ships and the debris of eight years of war.

"The Shatt Al Arab is Iraq's only outlet to the sea. Iran is already using its ports for trade. It benefited immediately from the ceasefire in this respect. It is logical that Iraq also benefits from the ceasefire," Aziz said.

### Lasting

Aziz said the issue of sovereignty over the 200-km (125-mile) long Shatt, over which the two countries went to war in 1980, had not been raised at the talks so far.

Iran and Iraq clashed publicly yesterday over the issue of sovereignty, with Iraq saying the 1975 Algiers agreement dividing it between them was no longer valid and Iran saying that the treaty could not be changed.

The Gulf war had been reported quiet since a UN-monitored ceasefire went into effect on Aug. 20 and diplomats said neither side had any interest in returning to a conflict that has killed or wounded one million people.

"We have come to work for the success of direct negotiations in order to reach comprehensive and lasting peace," Aziz said.

Iraq's demands for a settlement of sea navigation issues have held up other items on the agenda of importance to Iran, chiefly the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from some border areas.

Aziz rejected Iran's claims that it had the right to check enemy shipping under international law.

### Stalemate

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who is leading his country's delegation to Geneva, said the negotiations had reached stalemate because of lack of good-will on Iraq's part.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him as saying he hoped UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and "international bodies" could force the Iraqis "to keep the trend of the talks within a logical course."

Velayati said the Iraqis had

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Perez de Cuellar

## Iran eager to get hostages freed

BEIRUT, Aug. 29, (AP): A Church of England emissary said today that Iran was eager to get Western hostages in Lebanon freed, but the time period involved was unclear.

The Right Rev. John Brown said his current mission in Beirut was to determine the fate of four missing Iranians so Tehran will use its influence to gain freedom for Western captives.

"The impression one gets very much is that the Iranians are very anxious to have the hostages situation taken right off their

agenda," Brown said. Asked whether missing Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and the other British hostages would be freed soon, Brown said:

"I have no feeling about the timing of it. I feel he (Waite) will be released, but I have no knowledge of the timing."

Brown met for an hour yesterday with Patriarch Mar Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, spiritual head of Lebanon's dominant Maronite Catholic community.

## PLO office in UN will 'remain open'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The US Justice Department said today that it will not appeal a ruling that allowed the PLO's mission to the United Nations in New York to remain open.

The department had filed a lawsuit in Manhattan Federal Court in March to force the PLO to close its permanent observer mission under the provisions of the Anti-terrorism Act of 1987.

## Doctors battle to save injured spectators

# Air show crash toll 45

RAMSTEIN, West Germany, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Doctors battled today to save scores of spectators critically injured when three Italian Air Force jets collided and plunged a blazing plane into a huge crowd, killing at least 45 people, and injuring 500.

Besieged Defence Minister Ruppert Scholz said yesterday's disaster at the US air base in Ramstein had prompted him to ban military air shows in West Germany. He said allied forces had agreed to the ban.

The Italian jets, part of a nine-craft team which was drawing a heart with trail smoke, collided when one plane was crossing two groups of four intersecting at the low point of the well-rehearsed split-second drill.

### Crowd

Screaming spectators in the 300,000-strong crowd tried to flee as flames set several people ablaze and metal debris hurled into them, decapitating at least one person. Officials said they expected the death toll to rise.

The Ramstein tragedy looked likely to be world's worst air show disaster. In 1982, 46 people died when a Chinook helicopter crashed at a display in Mannheim, West Germany.

The airfield, filled with families on a Sunday picnic, was engulfed in dense black smoke as rescue teams — some using open pick-up trucks — rushed to take

the injured to hospital. Scholz, facing a barrage of protests over low-altitude military flights, said he was "deeply shocked by the scope of the terrible catastrophe."

"I have decided that air show displays will never more take place," he added.

### Inspect

Scholz, the US and Italian ambassadors and Nato's supreme commander, General John Galvin, arrived in Ramstein to inspect the crash site and talk to survivors and investigators.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in a statement he was deeply shocked by the disaster and extended his sympathy to the victims and their families.

Pope John Paul and the Italian government also sent condolences.

Kohl's ruling coalition, urged by opposition parties and pressure groups to ban low-flying exercises, in July reduced the allowed flying time from 68,000 to 66,000 hours per year.

Since May, 19 West German, US, French and British military aircraft have crashed during low-altitude flights over West Germany.

Cars parked along Ramstein airfield saved many lives as the solo jet that clipped two others flying in close formation careered tail-first into the crowd, eyewitnesses said.



A victim of the air show crash is given emergency aid. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Israeli cabinet divided

# Row erupts over uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 29, (Agencies): A new cabinet row between Likud and Labour Party ministers has erupted as Israeli leaders grapple with an eight-month-old Palestinian uprising and gear up for November general elections.

The latest squabble at yesterday's meeting over the tactics toward violent Arab protests in the occupied territories revealed deepening tensions between Likud ministers and representatives of the left-leaning Labour group in the coalition cabinet.

The Israeli leadership is already divided on policy towards a Middle East settlement.

### Restraint

Labour's Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin came under fire after reporting Arab violence in the occupied territories was on the rise amid expectations the PLO would declare an independent state and government-in-exile, political sources said.

Hawkish Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and two other ministers from the right-

wing Likud bloc accused Rabin of showing too much restraint in trying to quash the anti-Israeli revolt and called for harsher steps, the sources said.

Rabin, responsible for the "iron fist" policies of expulsion, house demolition and detention without trial of suspected Palestinian activists, proposed importing 3,000 foreign workers to break an Arab construction monopoly.

### Accused

Labour and Welfare Minister Moshe Katsav, of Likud, rejected the plan, arguing there was Jewish unemployment and thus would not agree to import more than 500 workers.

Likud member Moshe Arens, meanwhile, accused the Labour-controlled Foreign Ministry of leaking severe criticism by the United States, the country's closest ally, of Israel's order to expel 25 more Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Who told you this? That's a lie," the sources quoted Foreign Minister Shimon Peres as res-

ponding to Arens. "What nerve, you leaked it."

Washington has warned that bilateral relations would be damaged if Israel went ahead with the expulsion of more Palestinians from the occupied territories.

The Foreign Ministry, responding to the US protest, said last week Israel would expel Palestinian activists only in "exceptional cases."

The weekly cabinet meeting have often degenerated into political free-for-all, but the left-right coalition — which political commentators gave little chance of surviving its own creation — has lasted nearly four years.

More rows are expected in the election run-up as each party tries to manoeuvre for a decisive victory.

In the West Bank, police said an Arab found hacked to death in the city of Hebron was killed for criminal reasons and not because he collaborated with Israeli authorities, as alleged by Palestinians.

## Palestinian inmates tortured

# Stripped, painted and clubbed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 29, (AP): A 16-year-old Palestinian held at a desert prison camp said today he was forced to strip naked, cover himself with paint and stand in the sun for several hours before troops clubbed him to remove the dried paint flakes.

Walid Sayf of Jerusalem, who said the punishment was imposed because he stared at a soldier, was one of three former

prisoners who claimed at a news conference that inmates were regularly beaten and humiliated at the Ketziot prison camp in the Negev desert.

Another detainee, Khaled Youssef Moussa, 28, a farm worker from Jericho, said he was taken to another punishment cell.

Soldiers tied his hands and feet, and then connected them

with a tight rope so he was forced to stand bent over backwards in what prisoners called "the banana position."

Mohammed Jaber, 37, a teacher from the West Bank village of Biddu, described abuse at the Dahariya detention camp where he was held in late March before being transferred to Ketziot.

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## Prison riots

BANGKOK, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Thais returning home after being released from Burma's biggest jail spoke today of piles of corpses and wild shooting in the night during a chaotic breakout attempt at the weekend.

The Thais, flown home after leaving Insein prison in the northern Rangoon outskirts, said hundreds died after jailers opened fire on rioting Burmese prisoners in a 24-hour nightmare of violence. (See Page 2)

## First woman to run the length of Himalayas

SRINAGAR, India, Aug. 29, (UPI): The first woman to run the length of the Himalayas said today she lost 41 pounds (18 kg) during the 170-day, 3,000-mile (4,800-km) odyssey with her dog and at times tried to convince herself to give up her quest.

"I had to encounter bitter as well as sweet experiences

during my run through the length of Himalayas," Margaret Mary Goodwin told reporters at a hotel in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, 260 miles (430 km) north of New Delhi.

Goodwin, of Ventura, California, and her dog, Veda, completed their jour-

ney last evening on arrival in Gulmarg, a mountainside holiday resort 30 miles (50 km) outside of Srinagar.

### Haggard

The 51-year-old American appeared haggard, her cheeks hollow and her face deeply tanned. She said she had shed 41 pounds during her run and suffered from dehydration.

"My feet have become like those of a goat," Goodwin said, explaining that on average she carried about 20 kilograms of supplies along roads and perilous mountain trails in India and Nepal that took her between snow-capped peaks.

"I had to speak to myself for months," said Goodwin.

## ARAB TIMES

### Grand Bingo

# KD 250 must be won

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Demand grows for interim government

## U Nu unites Burmese opposition

RANGOON, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Leading Burmese, including the last democratically-elected Prime Minister U Nu, formed the first major anti-government alliance for 26 years today and pledged to fight for democracy.

The dramatic formation of the Alliance for Democracy and Peace came as the clamour for an immediate interim government acceptable to the people leading to a pluralist democracy grew on the nation's streets.

**False**  
Alliance member and spokesman Khau Ngum said that the 21-member alliance would be headed by U Nu, Burma's first Prime Minister, after independence from Britain in 1948 and the last before veteran leader Ne Win seized power in 1962.

Burmese sources said tonight there were stronger than usual rumours that Ne Win, who stepped down on July 23 after months of popular demonstrations,

had fled or was about to flee the country.

They had no confirmation and such rumours have proved false in the past.

**Riot**  
Khau Ngum, the last chief whip in U Nu's party until the takeover and now a lawyer, said other members included General Tin Oo, a former defence minister sacked by Ne Win in 1976.

He said the alliance would seek democracy but was not promoting any candidate to head an interim government.

**Riot**  
He said two other key opposition figures, prominent dissident Aung Gyi and Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of national hero Aung San, would be invited to join. Their response had not been received.

Reports of anarchy have flowed in from around Burma as the socialist government waited out the storm of popular protest and clung to its own timetable for

democracy.

Official and unofficial sources reported prison break-outs in at least four towns, looting of rice stores and a breakdown of central control that left Buddhist monks and students running many towns.

"In its truest sense, you are now seeing the dictionary definition of anarchy in some parts of the country," said one diplomat.

**Anarchy**  
Tens of thousands marched through central Rangoon demanding the socialist rulers hand over immediately to an interim government to prepare for a return to multi-party democracy after a generation of repression and ruinous rule.

Chairman Maung Maung and other leaders of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), who have called an emergency party congress on Sept 12 to agree to referendum on scrapping the one-party state,

remained silent.

At Insein jail, in the north of Rangoon, 4,806 prisoners were released during the weekend after a riot and fierce gun battle in which the toll was 57 dead and 106 wounded. Large parts of the jail, Burma's biggest, were burned to the ground.

One released prisoner said he feared the death toll was between 400 and 700.

He said a group including naval personnel jailed for smuggling had taken over the armoury and, after a gunfight lasting 24 hours, were now at a stand-off with security forces.

Officials said more than 400 Thais were among those freed and they were being flown home. Nearly 70 other Thais, fishermen caught illegally inside Burmese waters, returned to their neighbouring homeland when students forced the opening of a prison in the southern port of Kow Song at the weekend.

## 13 blacks killed in Natal unrest

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 29, (Reuters): A mob of South African blacks attacked and killed nine others in an upsurge of violence in South Africa's troubled Natal province, police said today.

A total of 13 people died yesterday in a spate of incidents across the province, a terse daily bulletin on political unrest said.

The main carnage was in the small black township of Molweni, near the Indian Ocean city of Durban.

"A large group of blacks attacked and killed eight black men and one black youth in two incidents," the bulletin said.

In another incident in the same area, a black man was killed, a second seriously injured and a third man was kidnapped, the report said.

Police did not say what touched off the killings in Molweni, which is about 35 km from Durban.

At Kwadengezi, another township near Durban, police found the bodies of three black men, two of whom had been stabbed and the third beaten to death.

## N. Ireland braces for more violence

BELFAST, Aug. 29, (UPI): Police said today they were braced for further violence in Northern Ireland after a week-end blitz of riots, bomb and gun attacks and sources said the authorities had decided to increase rewards paid to IRA informants.

Following one of the outlawed Irish Republican Army's bloodiest summer campaigns in years, sources said the authorities had budgeted for rewards to informers of up to 100,000 pounds (\$170,000) for high-grade information to counter terrorism.

Police reported "minor scuffles" overnight in Belfast during which shots were fired at troops and a riot flared. No-one was seriously hurt.

"Things have quietened down now quite a bit," a police spokesman said. "But that's not to say it could not blow up again. We are braced for any further trouble."

Media reports said Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King would likely face questioning over the increase in rewards being offered, which indicated

the high priority given to intelligence gathering during talks King held in London last week with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

King's office, however, declined to comment on the rewards, and a police spokesman said he "knew nothing about this."

Ken Maginnis, a unionist member of Parliament, said it would be easy to abuse the payments of higher rewards to people who informed on the IRA which is seeking to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

"A paramilitary organisation could utilise someone to get that money into the organisation," he said. "As a general principle, I am not terribly sure it is not open to abuse. Into whose hands do you pay this money for instance?"

He renewed the calls by Protestant politicians for tighter patrols along the border with the Irish Republic and for selective internment so as to "remove" the 70 or 80 IRA "godfathers" on whom there was already "very high grade of intelligence."

## Gulf peace ... (Continued from Page 1)

raised irrelevant issues, whereas the talks should be concentrating on the withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised boundaries, the exchange of prisoners and establishment of an inquiry into who started the war.

The Iranian foreign minister also said Perez de Cuellar was seeking to draw up a timetable for the full implementation of all articles of Resolution 598 within a set time.

Meanwhile, Iraq accused Iranian forces today of repeatedly violating the nine-day-old ceasefire in the Gulf war.

## Train crash

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 29, (AP): At least five people were killed and 46 injured today when two trains crashed head-on in a station in western Austria, Austrian railroad officials and police said.

The accident at 12:37 pm (10:37 GMT) at Wolfurt, in the western province of Vorarlberg, involved a train coming from the central industrial city of Linz and an express train headed for the Alpine city of Innsbruck from Lindau, West Germany, a spokesman said.



John Larroquette (left) and Larry Drake pose after winning Emmy awards. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fox named outstanding actor

## ABC shows win Emmy awards

PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 29, (UPI): Two rookie shows on ABC, "The Wonder Years" and "Thirtysomething," walked away with the top prizes at the 40th annual prime time Emmy Awards for excellence in television.

The gently nostalgic "Wonder Years" was named outstanding comedy series, and the Yuppie Show "Thirtysomething" won for outstanding drama series, beating last year's winner "L.A. Law," which was also in the running this year.

Edward Zwick, co-executive producer of "Thirtysomething," acknowledged the show's elusive charm by saying that if there were an award "for the most annoying show on television, we'd win that one, too."

Both shows were new to the ABC schedule this year. Patricia Wettig of "Thirtysomething" also won the supporting actress

drama award and the show won an Emmy for best writing.

Michael J. Fox picked up his third Emmy in a row as outstanding actor in a comedy series for "Family Ties," while Bea Arthur won as outstanding actress in a comedy series for "The Golden Girls."

## Humour

Fox interjected a little political humour into the proceedings when he told the audience that the coming season would be the last for "Family Ties" and the producers were baffled about where to go with his character the young, conservative, totally inexperienced Alex Keaton.

Keaton suggested they run Alex for Vice President, adding, "actually I'd like to thank Dan Quayle for showing that Alex Keaton really can exist."

Awards for best actor and actress in a drama both went to shows that will not return this

fall. Tyne Daly, who was not present, won her fourth Emmy as Mary Beth Lacey in the CBS police drama "Cagney and Lacey."

Richard Kiley, named best actor for the dramatic series "A Year in the Life," which was cancelled, said he felt "nothing but sadness for the corporate myopia that killed this show."

The show with the most nominations, NBC's "L.A. Law," had only one televised winner.

Larry Drake, who plays retarded office worker Bennie Stulwitz on "L.A. Law," won for outstanding supporting actor in a drama. Two of his co-stars on the show, Jimmy Smits and Alan Rachins, were also nominated in the category.

"You're going to make me cry again," Drake said to enthusiastic applause in accepting his first Emmy.

## Short list for Nobel peace prize prepared

OSLO, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Have President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev made it to the short list of four for this year's Nobel peace prize?

One month before the winner is announced, the traditional secrecy surrounding the Nobel committee's deliberations is perhaps greater than ever before.

"What I can tell you is that we now have a short list of four and that the final decision will be taken on Sept 28 — the day before the prize is given," said one source close to the Oslo-based committee.

Asked whether Reagan and Gorbachev had been selected for the short list, the source said: "I cannot tell you anything regarding that question. But it has not been difficult to find suitable candidates."

The two leaders were nominated for last year's signing of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, the first superpower arms pact to agree cuts in their nuclear arsenals.

Norwegian journalists, used to receiving tip-offs on who the noble favourites are, have so far been disappointed this year.

But the short list does contain at least one of the 23 organisations nominated along with 74 individuals for this year's prize, the source said.

United Nations Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar, recently active in Gulf and Afghanistan peace talks, has not been nominated for the 1988 award — although the UN has.

## Thousands massacred

## Peace of the dead reigns in Burundi

NIEGA, Burundi, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The peace of the dead reigns over hills and valleys in northeastern Burundi, where 130,000 people lived before tribal massacre and army reprisals created a wasteland.

"You can only hear birds. It is a complete desert," said Major Nestor Daradungwe, a Burundian army doctor, as we bumped along the dirt road to Ntega, the small town where the bloodbath erupted two weeks ago.

Refugees who have fled to neighbouring Rwanda, doctors in local hospitals and surviving local residents say the death toll must surely number in the tens of thousands.

They were slaughtered in three stages.

A tribal rising of Hutu peasants against the Tutsi minority, which dominates Burundi's army and military government.

A brief one-sided battle in which Hutu rebels with spear and machetes tried to face the army's modern weapons.

Six days of vengeance by Tutsi soldiers against the Hutu.

## Visit

Foreign journalists and other outsiders are now being allowed to visit the killing fields. But still no one knows how many of the vanished population of Ntega and neighbouring Marangara district are alive.

During a 10-minute walk on the hillside above Ntega township, a reporter came across seven bodies, including those of a woman and a baby hacked to death with machete blows — the infant hunched inside the cloth

in which the mother was carrying it on her back.

According to Sister Liberata, a nun at Ntega Roman Catholic Mission, the violence began in Ntega township on the night of Sunday Aug 14.

Shortly after dawn, several people sought refuge at the mission and two hours later a mob of several hundred Hutu armed with stones, spears, machetes and bows and arrows came to demand that the Tutsi hand over anyone they were sheltering.

The Tutsi refused but during the rest of Monday a wave of violence against the Tutsi spread throughout Ntega district.

## Killing

Major Daradungwe said about 500 Tutsi men, women and children were gathered just outside Ntega, killed with machete blows to the head and thrown into two pits. Hutu peasants who refused to join the uprising were also killed, he said.

Daradungwe said soldiers had since covered the pits with earth, so a reporter was unable to count the bodies or verify how they died. But the stench rising from the loose soil left no doubt about what lay beneath.

The major told Reuters on Sunday that occasional killings still took place at night. "Order has not yet been completely re-established, but things are returning to normal," he said.

Sister Liberata said that on the morning of Tuesday Aug 16, a Hutu mob returned to the mission with a former mission employee to ferret out people who were still hiding there.

Most of those found were hacked to death, although some children, including two who had been wounded, were handed over to the nuns for safekeeping.

## Junejo demands new ...

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petition on Oct 2 by the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP), led by Benazir Bhutto, to open the polls to political parties under the constitution.

"We can have some electoral understanding but we will wait for the Supreme Court judgement on whether the election will be on a party basis or non-party one," Junejo told reporters.

He said today his "door is open for talks" with coalition-minded parties, but did not specify with which groups he was ready to talk.

"My government was solely responsible for putting an end to martial law (in December 1985) and introducing democracy in Pakistan," Junejo said today.

Junejo said, in an interview, his party will be campaigning on an Islamic platform because "the people of Pakistan would like to have Islamisation."

## Process

However, he pointed out that the process is "not a question of days, but one of months and years."

Comparing the record of election rival Benazir Bhutto and his own, Junejo said: "Look at my record of three years as prime minister and the PPP's (Benazir's party) record of five years in power. There is no question as to who succeeded and who failed."

The opposition parties have welcomed Ishaq Khan's pledge to ensure fair and free elections and the endorsement of the Army Chief, General Mirza Aslam Beg. But they have become more and more vociferous in demanding neutral caretaker governments.

Rumours circulated last week that Ishaq Khan was about to replace the four chief ministers with high court judges. But in a speech on Friday he said he had no intention of mixing the roles of the judiciary, legislature and executive.

Junejo, once Zia's hand-picked candidate, has moved closer to the opposition since his sudden dismissal. The final move came on Friday when the PML split.

One faction was made up of Zia proteges, including at least six cabinet ministers and the four provincial chief ministers, and the other of Junejo loyalists.

## Re-elected

Junejo was unanimously re-elected president of his faction at a boisterous meeting in Islamabad today.

About 100 senators and former deputies of the National Assembly, the lower house dissolved by Zia in May, attended the Junejo meeting. About half that number were at the rival faction's gathering on Friday.

## Probe

Meanwhile, US and Pakistani investigators continued to probe the plane explosion and crash that killed Zia and 29 others, the official Pakistani news agency APP said today.

It said the team has dug up and examined all four engines of the C-130 transport plane, a US-built turboprop plane that apparently exploded and tumbled minutes after takeoff.

APP said cranes were moving pieces of the wreckage.

APP's report appeared timed to counter stories in British newspapers yesterday that a preliminary report fixed the cause as sabotage. Investigators still are unable to say when the investigation will be complete, APP said.

## Stripped, painted and clubbed.

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He said club-wielding soldiers formed two lines and forced detainees to run through, beating them as they passed.

The Army denied Sayfi's allegations. "This never happened," said an Army official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said that in general, the Army would only respond to specific complaints about mistreatment, but that the general policy was not to beat detainees.

The news conference was called by the Israeli League for Civil and Human Rights. Its chairman, Israel Shahak, said some practices at Ketzio, also called Ansar Three, were comparable to those used by the Nazis.

"Some of the ordinary things done in Bergen Belsen were exactly what was done in Ansar 3," said Shahak, a chemistry professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "Ansar 3 and others should be called Nazi-like concentration camps."

Monday's news conference coincided with a Parliament debate on Ketzio, where about 2,500 Palestinians are being held; most of them "or up to six months without being charged with specific crimes or put on trial."

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Philippine soldiers aboard a military truck patrol at a major highway leading to Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Troops on alert in Philippines

## Aquino meets Sultan of Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Aug 29, (Reuters): Philippine President Corason Aquino, her Army on full alert against any coup attempt at home, met Sultan Mada Hassan Al Bolikiah of Brunei today at the start of her first visit to the oil-rich state.

The leaders did not meet reporters after their one-hour talks in the state palace. Officials had said they were expected to focus on trade and the possibility of Brunei economic aid.

Aquino and Bolikiah conferred top state honours on each other soon after her arrival. She is accompanied on the two-day visit by her ministers for foreign affairs, trade and industry, agriculture and labour.

Aquino's Army chief told

reporters in Manila the entire Philippine armed forces would be on full alert to ensure nothing happened while she was away.

Coup rumours always crop up when Aquino goes on foreign trips. She made no reference to security problems in a brief departure speech in Manila.

Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts in her 30 months in office, left a day after the anniversary of an Army revolt that nearly toppled her on Aug 28 last year.

US bases

Meanwhile, most Filipinos want to keep US military bases in the Philippines but many think Washington should pay more for them, according to a poll commissioned by the presidential

palace and released today.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno told reporters 80 per cent of 2,000 respondents favoured keeping the Clark and Subic Bay Air Force and Naval bases. Only eight per cent wanted them closed and the rest had no opinion.

Talks between Manila and Washington over the future of the bases were adjourned on Aug 17. The talks are over terms for the two bases and four smaller establishments during the last two years of an agreement expiring in 1991.

The poll, which covered various income groups, was conducted in June and July by a private research group, the Asia Research Organisation.

## Sudanese rebels deny peace talks will take place

NAIROBI, Aug 29, (AP): Sudanese rebels today denied peace talks were agreed to between their leader and Sudan's Prime Minister, Sadeq El Mahdi, who was quoted two days ago as saying the meeting would occur within 48 hours.

"What Sadeq is talking about is not true. There is no such thing planned," Mario Muor, a member of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, said in telephone interview from the SPLA office in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa.

El Mahdi's disclosure of his plan to meet with SPLA leader Col. John Garang came in remarks published on Saturday by the Sudanese newspaper Al-Ahwas.

Garang's southern rebels took up arms against Khartoum's northern government in 1983, demanding administrative and economic reforms in the predominantly Christian and animist south.

**Fighting**

Garang and El Mahdi met once in June 1986 in Addis Ababa, but failed to initiate negotiations to end the fighting which has displaced hundreds of thousands of people.

Al-Ahwas quoted El Mahdi as saying he had received word that Garang had consented to meet him by Monday "in a European or African capital" other than Addis Ababa or Nairobi.

Muor said the rebels first learned of El Mahdi's claim over the radio.

"We were surprised," he said. "Mr Mahdi did not inform us."

Muor, however, said further talks between the SPLA and a delegation from the Democratic Unionist Party would take place 10 days after both sides consult with their leadership following meeting last week to discuss a peace initiative.

## Afghan cosmonaut launched into orbit

MOSCOW, Aug 29, (Reuters): Afghanistan's first cosmonaut was launched into orbit today in a perfect lift-off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

The Soyuz TM-6 spacecraft carrying Abdul Ahad Mohmand and two Soviet cosmonauts to the MIR orbiting station blasted off into clear blue skies this morning. It will dock with MIR on Wednesday.

Mohmand, a 29-year-old Afghan Air Force captain, used the occasion to appeal for an end to the war pitting Muslim rebels against the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

"As a son of my proud people, I will carry to space both joy and anguish for my native land, where the flame of fratricidal war is still blazing," he said from inside the spacecraft moments before lift-off.

the guerrillas. The Soviet Union began withdrawing its forces in May.

Colonel Vladimir Lyakhov, the mission commander, said before lift-off that the joint flight was a step forward in international co-operation for the peaceful exploration of space and a sign of the solid relations between Moscow and Kabul.

In an innovation highlighting confidence in the Soviet space drive, Moscow allowed a limited number of Western journalists to witness the manned space shot at Baikonur.

Lyakhov, 47, bantered with the journalists in several languages before saying a final "goodbye" in English.

An experienced test pilot and a space veteran with two previous missions to his credit, Lyakhov will return to earth with Mohmand on Sept 6 after a week of space research.

"Brothers, stop the war and direct your forces towards building a durable national peace."

The launch, televised live, was clearly designed to stress the current Soviet-Afghan quest for reconciliation after nine years of co-operation in the war against

## Rock concert

NEW DELHI, Aug 29, (UPI): Rock music stars Bruce Springsteen, Peter Dinklage and Sting will be joined in New Delhi on Sept 30 by other performers in a concert for human rights, the sponsor announced today.

The concert, to be attended by 70,000 fans at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, is believed to be the first ever held in India that includes leading Western pop music artists.

The Times of India is sponsoring the show, part of a 15-city tour by the musicians that is being organised by the non-profit Human Rights Foundation and begins in London on Sept 2.

## 10 hurt in attack on wedding party

CAIRO, Aug 29, (UPI): An unknown assailant, possibly a Muslim extremist, hurled a home-made bomb last night at a church wedding in a working-class Cairo neighbourhood, injuring 10 people, police and hospital sources said today.

Police sources said the bomb went off as the congregation was leaving the Coptic Orthodox Church of the Archangel Michael at Shubra in northern Cairo after attending a wedding ceremony.

Ten people were injured and taken to a nearby hospital where they were given first aid treatment and later discharged, a hospital official said.

An explosives expert determined that the bomb was home-made and consisted of gunpowder, nails and small stones wrapped in a cloth.

## Search

Police were searching for the assailant whose identity and motives remained unknown. There was speculation, however, that he was a Muslim extremist.

The attack on the church, the first in several years, came two weeks after a confrontation between security forces and Muslim extremists in eastern Cairo that left at least two people dead and about 50 others injured.

Police blamed the clashes, that took place on Aug 13 at the eastern suburb of Ain Shams, on the underground Jihad Islami group and accused its members of plotting anti-government action and sectarian strife.

## US raid turns Khaddafi's home into a monument

TRIPOLI, Aug 29, (Reuters): Family photographs and children's books lie scattered on the floor. Chairs are turned upside down amid the rubble. "There isn't a person in Libya who hasn't visited the place since the raid," said official guide Nuriddin Shubouki.

Libya's biggest tourist attraction is the bomb-shattered home of its leader Colonel Muammar Khaddafi.

The two-storey concrete house, which took a direct hit in an American bombing raid on the Libyan capital in 1986, has become a monument, an obligatory stop for every visiting foreign dignitary and journalist.

Curtains still billow in the breeze at empty windows, shattered ceiling panels dot the floor. Fallen paintings lie among the ruins, now walled off from the surrounding Bah Al Azizya Army barracks.

"We have kept things untouched as a testimony to the American aggression," said Shubouki, escorting visiting journalists and a group of left-wing lawyers from Latin America.

In the early hours of April 15, 1986, a 500-pound (225-kg) bomb ripped through the four-bedroom house where Khaddafi's family slept.

## Casualty

Libyan officials said his 15-month old adopted daughter Hanna was killed and his wife and two sons were injured. Khaddafi himself was safe in an underground command post of the barracks.

At least 37 people died in the air raid, which Khaddafi deemed an assassination attempt. The United States said the attack was meant to punish Khaddafi for allegedly supporting anti-American attacks.

A giant visitor's book lies open on a stand in what was once Khaddafi's reception room. But many visitors have preferred to write their names on the walls.

One recent visitor was former Argentine President Isabelle Peron. She wrote in Spanish: "There are those who call for peace but go to war. Someday, we will find justice."

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat are among recent signatories.

Climbing up the red-carpeted stairs, visitors can examine Khaddafi's futuristic round double bed set within an open metal shell. The built-in radio and television control panels is rusty.

## Announcement will be made next month: Khalaf

# Time ripe for PLO government

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) number two Salah Khalaf said the PLO would announce a government-in-exile in September.

"The announcement of Palestinian government — a government-in-exile — will occur during September because the present circumstances are at their best," he told a Kuwaiti newspaper in an interview from Bonn published on Monday.

## Visit

Khalaf said he had strongly opposed the idea as recently as six months ago, but two factors had changed his mind: The Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories and King Hussein's decision to break Jordan's legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said on Saturday a forthcoming meeting of the Palestine

National Council (PNC), the PLO's parliament-in-exile, would decide whether to declare an independent Palestinian state.

King Hussein is to visit Egypt Thursday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak on the Middle East and his July 31 decision to cut ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank, semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram said in its Monday edition.

The newspaper said the talks between Hussein and Mubarak are to deal with the latest Middle East development "with particular emphasis on the Palestinian issue," an allusion to the impact of Hussein's decision to cut financial and administrative links with the West Bank of the Jordan River.

Their talks "aim at arriving at a joint assessment of the Palestinian question," the newspaper said, and also will evaluate developments in the Gulf with an

eye to the post-war era there as Iran and Iraq open talks aimed at ending their nearly eight-year war.

Hussein's visit to Egypt will be his first since declaring his decision last month of gradually relinquishing his kingdom's role in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, scene of a bloody Palestinian uprising that erupted Dec 9 in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Mubarak has been pressing for revival of the stalemated policy co-ordination between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

## Talks

In the meantime, the newspaper Al Gomhuria reported that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will have talks "within the next few days" with Mubarak's senior political advisor, Osama El Baz.

Their talks will focus on how Egypt can best provide the PLO's

programme aimed at establishing a Palestinian government-in-exile with needed assistance and in getting international recognition of it," the newspaper said, but gave no further details.

El Baz is expected to travel to meet Arafat in an Arab capital, most likely Tunis.

A senior PLO delegation visited Amman and Cairo recently to drum up support for the idea of establishing a government-in-exile and a Palestinian state, and claimed it received backing from both.

Mubarak has said his country's expertise is at the disposal of the PLO for this end, but has called on the group to adopt "well calculated" steps in filling the vacuum created as a result of Hussein's decision.

Hussein said his decision was aimed at paving the way for establishing a Palestinian state, and that he would be the first to recognise it, once it is proclaimed.

## Bangladesh flood death toll rises to 406

# Four million marooned

DHAKA, Aug 29, (AP): Surging flood waters have stranded about four million people, inundated thousands of homes and disrupted transportation, news reports and officials said today.

Floods washed away a ferry terminal at Aricha, near Dhaka, on Sunday snapping the capital's main waterway link to 19 districts, officials at the Communication Ministry said.

Waters overflowing river banks in the districts claimed 35 lives on Sunday, raising the death toll to 406 since the flooding began in late June, news reports said today.

There was no official report on Sunday's casualties. The government has said only 128 people have died in the floods.

But officials in Dhaka said today that four of the 19 affected districts — Sirajganj, Rajbari, Tangail and Faridpur — were virtually under water.

Thousands of residents were fleeing for safer shelter, said the officials.

"The situation is going to be worse than in 1987," one official said.

Last year's floods claimed at least 1,500 lives and destroyed two million tons of foodgrains, forcing Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest nations, to import three million tons of rice.

## Meeting

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad held a special cabinet meeting on Sunday to review the situation.

The flood forecasting and warning centre predicted today that rivers would continue to rise and reach a "critical situation" by mid-week.

In Dhaka, some streets in the old district where drainage is poor were under water today. In

some places, residents used boats to make their way through winding lanes.

Heavy rains and flooding are routine during summer monsoon in Bangladesh, where rivers shred the country into ribbons of fields between mighty streams.

A government-owned daily, Dainik Bangla, said more than four million people were stranded in the area and unable to get out. The paper said some residents have taken shelter on trees or on the roof of government buildings.

Food was scarce and there were fears of an epidemic because clean drinking water is not available, the paper said.

There are not enough ferries to rescue the people.

"Even if we have ferry boats, where do we take millions of marooned people," a local official at Rajbari said when reached by telephone.

## Liberal Chinese film director quits

BEIJING, Aug 29, (UPI): Outspoken film director Wu Tianming, who last week called for less censorship and greater freedom of action for Chinese artists, has decided to resign as head of one of China's most important film studios, his wife said today.

Wu, who has been in charge of China's highly successful Xian film studio for the last five years, will step down in October when his contract expires, his wife Mu Xulan said in a telephone interview from Xian, some 900 km southwest of Beijing.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Radio, Film and Television

said he was unaware of Wu's decision.

The 49-year-old director, who has been credited with turning out some of the most adventurous and innovative films in China in recent years and who has championed many of the country's most promising young directors, left for a month-long tour of the United States yesterday, his wife said.

## Trust

"I feel that what is most important for China's intellectuals and directors is to have trust and to let go and allow them to do what

they want," Wu said in an interview last week with the official Shenzhen daily newspaper.

"I have never seen anyone who was truly opposed to the communist party or to socialism ... at least we are all patriotic," Wu said.

Wu was attacked as an advocate of "bourgeois liberalism" or capitalist trends, during a fierce crackdown on Western influences last year and clashed with local party officials who accused him of making films that were opposed to the state.

## Greek minister briefed on Cyprus talks

NICOSIA, Aug 29, (AP): President George Vassiliou today briefed Greek Foreign Minister Carolos Papoulias on the outcome of talks he held last week with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash on the prospects of reuniting the divided island.

Papoulias flew in on Sunday. He was expected to also meet during his four-day visit with Cypriot Foreign Minister George Iacovou, who had accompanied the President to the talks in Geneva with Denktash. They returned from the trip on Friday.

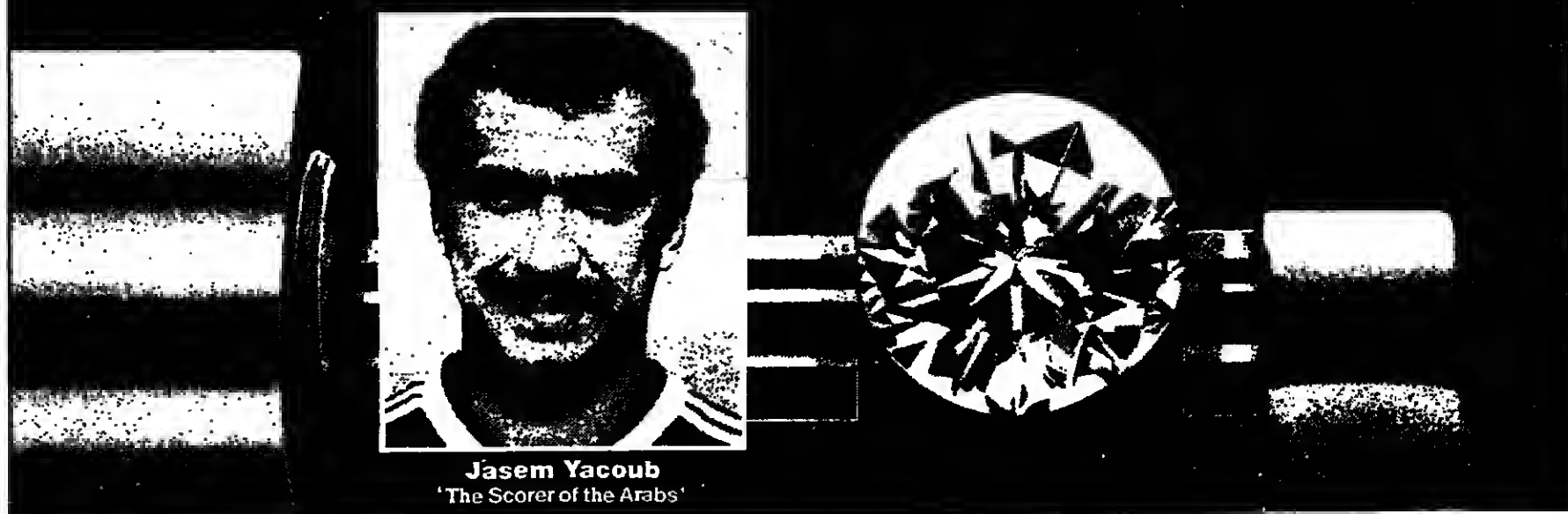
Vassiliou and Denktash met under the supervision of United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. It was their first encounter since Vassiliou was elected President in February, pledging he would work for the reunification of the Mediterranean island.

Greek government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said last week that it was "an encouraging start that could create the preconditions for more concrete rapprochements."

Turkish troops invaded the northern 37 per cent of the island in 1974 after a short-lived coup by Greek Cypriot supporters of union with Greece.

There has been a thaw in relations between Greece and Turkey following a meeting in Davos, Switzerland, between Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu and his Turkish counterpart, Turgut Ozal, earlier this year.

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# Mirghani praises Sudan-Kuwait ties

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received the chairman of the Sudanese Democratic Union Party Mohammed Othman Al Mirghani.

The meetings were attended by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jassar, the Sudanese ambassador to Kuwait and the Kuwaiti ambassador to Sudan.

The Amir also held a lunch banquet at Al Salam Palace yesterday in honour of Mirghani and the delegation accompanying him.

Sheikh Saad, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other ranking officials attended the banquet.

When he arrived in Kuwait Sunday night, Mirghani said he expected his visit to focus on

bilateral relations.

He praised the strong Sudanese-Kuwaiti ties, and economic co-operation between the two countries.

**Denounced**  
Mirghani also said the war between Iran and Iraq has come to a halt.

Sudan "has been, since the beginning, supportive of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Arab countries against the Iranian aggression," he asserted.

"We have denounced the Iranian aggression on Kuwait," Mirghani said. "Iraq's steadfastness, in addition to the rest of the Gulf countries, has led to the defeat of Iran and its acceptance of UN Resolution 598."

"Without Iraq's military victories and the unity of the Arab countries, the peace would never have been reached and the war

would have been still going on," the Sudanese leader said.

Discussing the situation in his flood-ravaged country, he said many towns and villages have been destroyed along the Nile River.

He expressed hope that the aid flowing into Sudan from Arab and foreign countries will continue until the danger of the floods diminishes and the problem is overcome.

The floods began spilling into towns and villages on Aug 6 and have caused tremendous damage and death. Thousands of Sudanese were left homeless.

Mirghani heads a high-ranking official delegation, including a member of the Supreme Council, Mohammed Al Hassan, the Minister of Religious Affairs Abdelmalik Al Jali and the State Minister for Works Omar Haider.



HH the Amir with Mirghani (centre)

## Sheikh Saad's visit to Bahrain praised

MANAMA, Aug 29, (KUNA): Bahrain's Crown Prince and Acting Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa said yesterday the recent visit to Manama by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah mirrored the depth of historical and family ties between the two countries.

Sheikh Saad visited Manama last week to congratulate Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa on his safe return home and recovery from recent surgery.

The Manama-based Gulf News Agency quoted Bahrain's Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Tareq Al Muayed as saying Sheikh Hamad's Praise of Kuwait-Bahraini relations came in a cabinet session which he chaired yesterday.

The Bahraini Crown Prince stressed that the remarkable growth of those ties calls for continuous consultations between the two countries in view of the strategic and political developments in the region.

Commenting on Sheikh Saad's visit the Crown Prince said it was an "excellent opportunity" to review ways to strengthen political and economic relations between the two countries.

## Sheikh Sabah meetings

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received a message from Somali Finance Minister Abdulrahman Jama Barre on bilateral relations.

The message was delivered by Somali Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammed S.M. Malingur, who is ending his mission here.

Sheikh Sabah also received Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed M. Rifaat, who invited the deputy premier and foreign minister to Cairo.

Later Sheikh Sabah received the Moroccan Ambassador to Kuwait, Abdul Wahed Ben Masoud, who renewed to Sheikh Sabah an invitation by his country's Foreign Minister Abdelatif Al Filali to visit Morocco.

## King Hussein ends Saudi visit

JEDDAH, Aug 29, (KUNA): King Hussein of Jordan today left here after concluding a one day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he conferred with Saudi King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz.

The talks dealt with several Arab issues and the current peace talks between Iraq and Iran.

He was seen off by a number of senior Saudi officials.

## Meetings

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the Kuwaiti ambassador in the US, Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sabah.

The defence minister also received the military attaché at the French Embassy.

The board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah, yesterday received the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Abdulla Al Majed.

## Kuwait aid for Sudan flood victims

KHARTOUM, Aug 29, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Ambassador to Khartoum Abdalla Al Surayaa has said 30 Kuwaiti planes carrying aid will arrive here this week.

The Kuwaiti ambassador told the daily Al Seyassah that 30 Kuwaiti relief planes landed in Khartoum Airport as of Aug 27, carrying tents, blankets and food.

A team from the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society and other charitable organisations made an aerial survey of Khartoum to estimate losses incurred by recent floods.

The Kuwaiti team also visited the eastern region with its Governor Hamid Ali Karar.

As a result of the tours the Red Crescent Society purchased 30,000 bags of Dhurma from the Agricultural Bank of Sudan. They will be distributed to disaster areas.

## GCC population reaches 15.71m

DOHA, Aug 29, (OPECNA): The total population of the six member countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) reached 15.71 million in 1986,

according to a report released by the Gulf International Bank.

The report, based on United Nations figures, showed that Saudi Arabia's population stood at 10 million, followed by Kuwait (1.8 million), the United Arab Emirates (1.6 million), Oman (1.3 million), Bahrain (434,000), and Qatar (389,000).

The Bahrain-based bank said that expatriate workers in GCC countries numbered 6.9 million at the end of the year surveyed, representing 40 per cent of the total population.

Saudi Arabia hosted the largest number of foreign workers,

yet on a ratio-to-population basis the UAE and Qatar recorded highest figures with a national presence of 74 and 73 per cent respectively.

Other figures showed Kuwait to have 59 per cent foreign workers, Oman (38 per cent), Bahrain (32 per cent), and Saudi Arabia (31 per cent).

The report noted that 50 per cent of the GCC population was under 15 years of age, while those over 65 represented only five per cent.

It added that literacy among GCC nationals had increased over the past few years and by 1986 more than 75 per cent of the male and 55 per cent of the female population was able to read and write.

## Power failures not due to shortage

By Naser Al Tamimi

POWER failures in any area should not be attributed to shortage of electricity or defective electrical networks, according to Khaled Al Bedwi, director of public relations at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water.

The official said outages have been caused by blow-outs of consumer fuses due to overload in their houses.

Technicians of the Ministry of Electricity and Water work round-the-clock to ensure continuous electrical energy. Regular maintenance and reinforcements of electrical networks over the years were carried out by the MEW, he said.

Maximum electricity recorded this year amounted to 3,900 megawatts recorded on June 14. The maximum load during 1987 was 3,740 megawatts recorded on July 26, 1987, an increase of 4.3 per cent.

Discussing the supply of water, Al Bedwi said that the West Al Doha station and the South Al Zour station, opened in

1983 and 1984 respectively, produce about 6 to 7 billion imperial gallons daily.

The daily average of water consumed during July was 117 million imperial gallons, compared to 125 million imperial gallons for the same period in 1987.

The daily average of brackish water consumption was 91 million imperial gallons per day last July versus 85 million imperial gallons daily in July 1987.

The maximum electricity load this year was 3,800 megawatts, on July 18 and the minimum was 2,580 megawatts on July 1, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Maximum consumption of fresh water was approximately 128 million imperial gallons on July 6. Maximum consumption of brackish water was about 90 million imperial gallons on July 18, according to the report.

## Cracks appear in Dhahr house

A HOUSE in the Dhahr housing area suddenly developed cracks last Sunday.

The owner of the house heard a loud noise outside at around 4:30 pm. He rushed out, thinking a car had crashed into the house, but found nothing.

When he got back inside, he noticed large cracks in the walls of the diwaniya and in the walls and ceiling of a second room. He vacated the rooms and informed the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan.

## Authorities studying possibilities

## Kuwait may build a new port

KUWAITI authorities are studying the possibilities of building a new port, according to the director of marine operations at the Public Ports Authority, Khaled Al Hashash.

The official explained that the Shuaibah Port cannot be expanded despite the need to build more berths for container ships.

The port receives the majority of imports. Initially, the port had a single berth, but facilities were expanded to 21 berths of 186 metres each.

The unloading capacity of each berth is now one million tons and several projects to increase this capacity have started.

Several floating jetties were also added, each capable of accommodating two ships simultaneously.

The port received 65,000 containers in 1985 compared to 38,000 during the first year the port was commissioned.

The operational capacity of the port increased from 177,000 tons a year in 1979 to 1,740,000 tons in 1982 — only to decline to 1,026,000 tons a year during the last few years due to economic

circumstances, he said.

Al Hashash pointed out that employees of the port are not authorised to inspect consignments that come through the port. Their duties relate to receiving goods and routing them to various stores.

Customs officials then go into action, and if they suspect any contraband, relevant authorities are immediately notified, he said.

## Co-operation

There is close co-operation between the port authorities and the Ministry of Interior with regard to security systems at the port.

Highly sensitive equipment to inspect goods — both incoming and outgoing — have been installed.

Additionally, all incoming and outgoing people at the port are scrutinised and safe entry procedures have been developed, Al Hashash said.

At its peak, there were 4,400 employees at the port. However, with the establishment of the Public Ports Authority, this number was reduced to 2,400 employees, the official said.

Commenting on preparations at ports in view of the end of the Iraq-Iran war, Al Hashash said that the authority is gearing up to operate all anchorages and jetties at Shuaibah Port. Serious consideration is being given to determine the best possible ways to accommodate the expected rush at the port, he added.

## Institute

He pointed out that there are 25 pilots employed to pilot incoming ships into the port. All these employees are Kuwaiti nationals and the authority had established an institute when graduated 10 guides till now.

Several have been sent to England and Egypt for advanced courses. Many of them are now holders of captain's licences. Cultural courses have also been provided. The department does not lack pilots, he added.

Commenting on the annexation of Shuaibah Port to the Public Ports Authority, he said that it is a positive step. The port in its present make-up consists of commercial and petroleum ports. However, there are plans to place oil berths under the supervision of the Kuwait Petroleum Corp. next June.

## Awadi to attend UNDP meeting in Amman

PLANNING Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday was invited to the fourth Round Table Meeting on the Human Dimension in Development.

The meeting, the last in a round table series, will convene in Amman Sept 3-5 under the patronage of Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

The invitation was sent by the director of the UN Development Programme (UNDP), William Draper, who is also a co-chairman at the meetings.

The gathering will be attended by top decision-makers and planners from around the world. Goals and strategies for human development for the year 2000 will be discussed at the meeting. The three previous meetings

were held in Istanbul in 1985, Salzburg in 1986 and Budapest in 1987. The UNDP, along with the Round Table for the North and South, co-sponsored those meetings.

Dr Awadi will be accompanied by Assistant Planning Undersecretary for Technical Co-operation Mariam Al Awadi and the Minister's Office Director Mohammed Belal.

## KISR plan to conserve electricity

THE engineering department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) is studying ways to conserve energy in Kuwait's buildings.

The head of the project, Dr Mazen Khue, said the study is aimed at finding accurate technical data on the thermal applications for various construction materials and elements.

The data will be used to improve and update the Ministry of Electricity and Water's information on energy conservation.

Model walls and roofs have been equipped with monitoring devices to obtain technical feedback under natural climatic conditions.

## Basra begins the slow process of rebuilding

BASRA, Aug 29, (AP): The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq is less than two weeks old, but the battered city of Basra already is showing signs of recovery.

Over the weekend, men and boys in white galabias robes sat atop sandbags lining the Shatt Al Arah waterway and cast lines baited with sesame paste into the murky green waters clogged with sunken freighters.

Not far away, young swimmers did backflips into the canals that cut through the city toward the Shatt Al Arah, which forms the southern border with Iran. A welder patched a gate at the Sheraton hotel, heavily damaged by artillery shells.

In the city's main square, sandbags fortified the walls of the Al Hamdan hotel and its lobby was covered with jagged shrapnel holes. But the staff said all the rooms were taken, booked by a teachers convention and Kuwaitis returning to examine the city where they once spent vacations.

Such signs of recovery are noteworthy in a city only 15 miles (24 kilometres) from Iran's border, which came under relentless artillery and missile fire.

The attacks on Iraq's only port city during the eight-year war damaged virtually every building in central Basra, where the pounding was so intense at times that dozens of shells landed every minute.

## Casualties

The city was nearly captured in February 1987 when Iranian fighters poured across the border and came within six miles (9.6 kilometres) of Basra. In the fierce fighting that followed, the Iraqis were decimated and, according to US Defence analysts, suffered 25,000 casualties, including 15,000 dead.

Hundreds of thousands fled the city of more than 1 million people at the height of the shelling and missile attacks, from December 1986 to February 1987.

Basra governor Anwar Sayid said recently that the shelling

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi who introduced Jaber Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Ahmed who was appointed Director General of Civil Aviation

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, and the chairman of the Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdulaziz Harmed Al Saqer.

Sheikh Saad also received Sheikh Nasser Al Saoud, State Minister for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi, Director General of Civil Aviation Jaber Mubarak Abdulq Al Ahmed, Board Chairman and Director General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij and the head of the Kuwaiti Students Union in the US Jaber Al Mualil.

Later, he received citizens in the public diwan.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### US is capable of pressurising Israel to change its policy

AKUWAITI daily quoted Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday as admitting that his country's policy of deporting the Palestinians defies the three billion dollars in annual support, Israel receives from the US and leads to isolation of Israel in the international community, so it is wrong to assume that Israel is capable of doing whatever it wants.

In an editorial, "Al Rai Al Aam" said that Peres' comment means that the United States is capable of pressurising Israel in changing its aggressive policy in the occupied Arab lands instead of being pressurised by the Zionists.

The newspaper added that the three billion dollars in support has been used by Israel to deny the Palestinian people's rights in front of the eyes and ears of "the human rights leader, the United States," who initiated the call to respect the Geneva accords and other international agreements on defending civilians under occupation.

"The confession by Peres that he who receives this enormous amount of support cannot turn his back on his masters should be taken as a sign for the US administration to move toward quelling Shamir's radicalism and terrorism," the paper pointed out.

The daily concluded by reminding the United States of its "principles," and asked it to be fair, saying that condemnations are not enough.

## GULF PRESS

### Sudanese reconciliation

A UNITED ARAB EMIRATES daily yesterday expressed hopes for reconciliation between the Sudanese government and southern rebel forces.

"Reports that Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has made a fresh proposal for talks with the southern rebel leader Col John Garang are most welcome amidst all the gloomy news coming out of that country," the Dubai-based newspaper said in an editorial.

"If the move succeeds, this will be only the second time that the two will meet face-to-face, the English language daily noted.

Commenting on prospects for a reconciliation, the paper referred to a statement by Sudan's low minister to exempt non-Muslims from the country's Islamic punishments, a move described as a political gesture.

"If Col Garang accepts it in that spirit it can smooth the way for a meeting with Mr Mahdi and an eventual reconciliation," the newspaper said.

"Devastated by floods and with millions homeless, Sudan can do with a little peace and co-operation," it added.

## Proposals to improve summer club activities

SUMMER clubs' activities ended recently and a local daily has asked club advisors for suggestions on how to improve future events.

Kholoud Mohamed Ahmad, an electronics teacher at Arwa Bint Abdul Muttalib Girls Intermediate School said most students do not comply with attendance times and said that students prefer evening activities to those in the mornings.

She said that the summer club she attended did not have a computer and suggested an increase of budgets so every summer club could have one. She also called for more scientific and practical training and urged students to participate in summer club activities.

Fatma Abdul Majid Al Kathni, principal of Sanabel Kindergarten, said that summer clubs were successful this season. The Ministry of Education

provided several scientific and cultural activities. Students contests and art exhibitions were her favourite activities.

She added that the clubs' directors should have more freedom in the decision-making process regarding field trips.

Ibtisam Badawi, a physical education instructor, said that one of the negative aspects at summer clubs is working during the morning. She said morning work-outs are not productive due to a lack of participants.

### Iraq sets up new university

BAGHDAD, Aug 29, (Reuters): Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council issued a decree today setting up a new university to specialise in training scientists and engineers, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

era lobby beneath a twirling sailing fan. Other observers sank into the worn armchairs nearby, chatting and working at postcards to escape the heat in their poorly air-conditioned rooms.

### Financing

Sandbags and coils of barbed wire lined the Shatt Al Arah waterway outside. By its banks, scores of rusting freighters trapped eight years ago by the war were anchored two abreast. The governor said it would probably take two years to clear the Shatt of built-up silt and sunken hulks.

The governor said many people are returning and rebuilding, carrying truckloads of belongings back to their damaged homes. Sayid said the government is financing home repairs, rebuilding schools and hospitals, working on a new water system and planning to renovate the electrical grid.

"I am sure that if you visit it after two months, you could never imagine the city experienced the war," he said.

### Reminiscences

Even the pristine Basra airport, reopened hours after the Aug 20 ceasefire, resembles a massive mausoleum with its granite floors and marble walls. So far, only one flight a day arrives and departs.

The shrapnel-scarred Shatt Al Arab Hotel was reopened after eight years to serve as sector headquarters for United Nations peace observers.

"There have been no problems up to now," Danish Maj. Jasper Boysen said as he sat in the 1930s-

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## KTV revives children's serial

By Abdul Muhsen Al Shimmari

KUWAIT Television has revived plans to produce an Arabic serial for children which has been shelved for several years. Its production was postponed so many times that viewers had given up hope of ever seeing it on TV.

"From Each Country Comes a Legend" was first conceived four years ago for showing in Ramadan. Kuwait Television hired writer Ridah Ali Hussain to work on the script, originally written by Dr. Sulaiman Matbar. Since then, the script has been revised several times. The title of the series was changed to "From Each Country Comes a Story." A couple of years ago, director Youssef Hmoud was asked to start production. But the project was shelved because KTV bought serials from other producers.

Another serial titled Madinat Al Riya was produced and broadcast during Ramadan this year.



Ridah Ali Hussain: script writer

Recently, according to reliable sources, KTV has hired Hussain Al Saleh to film "From Each Country". A 30-part serial, of half-hour each starts



Ibrahim Al Harbi

Huda Hussain, Abdul Rahman Akil and Ibrahim Al Harbi. Al Saleh's last directorial venture was Al Jawharah Al Sayad, which was not received well by the viewers. Al Jawharah was criticised for its low quality and was rejected by many Gulf TV networks.

Apart from "From Each Country" KTV has several new serials for children in the pipeline. Among them are Tariq Othman's untitled venture and Awatif Al Badar's under-production series.

If the filming of "From Each Country" starts as expected, it will be broadcast in Ramadan next year.



Hussain Al Saleh: director

## BBC highlights

### Tales of heroes

#### Another Hero of Those Times

Born in 1784, Leigh Hunt published his first collection of verse in 1801 and then pursued a career in journalism until disaster struck when he was sued for libel and imprisoned. The publicity of his case, which became a 'cause celebre', brought him into contact with the leading literary figures of the age: Shelley, Byron, Lamb, Hazlitt and Wordsworth. James Munson's portrait of the poet is narrated by Leigh Hunt's great-granddaughter, Barbara; Paul Rogers plays the poet and John Knight is the producer. (Friday, Sept. 2, 1815 hrs).

Proms 88  
1988 marks the centenary of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the famous concert

hall in the Dutch capital which gave a name and a home to an orchestra that's long been in the musical first division. In the Proms you can hear the orchestra playing Mozart's 'Overture Idomeneo'. Radu Lupu is the soloist in Mozart's 'Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major (K459)' and the performance is conducted by the Milanese Riccardo Chailly, the orchestra's first non-Dutch chief conductor. (Friday, Sept. 2, 2130 hrs)

Churchill the Historian  
The continuation of the series based on Winston Churchill's book 'The World Crisis'. This week: 'The Peace Settlement', focussing on the Versailles peace settlement which drew a new map of Europe after the First World War and set up the League of Nations. (Thurs. Sept. 1, 0530 hrs rep 1301 hrs, 1915).

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## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Action Jackson  
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Al Salmiya  
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Starring: Linda Blair  
Al Hamra  
Rambo III  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone  
Drive-in  
Al Kamasha (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmood Yassin, Badi, Shweikar

Al Fahad  
Dirty Harry  
Al Jahra  
Satata (Bengali)  
Granada  
Itha  
Samayamayi  
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Salaikhat  
Who's That Girl  
Al Jeeb  
Chand Suraj (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Darb Al Jad'an (Arabic)

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.02 am
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Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.11
Isha	7.30

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Space Adventurer: cartoon serial  
10.15 B Harat Al Bahar: daily serial  
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music  
11.15 Bu Saleh Yurcedu Halan: local serial  
12.00 News Summary  
12.15 Silver Spoons  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
1.50 Songs and Music  
2.35 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series  
3.35 Heidi: cartoons  
4.15 Al Hayat Ala Arika Filfil: Arabic play, starring Ahmad Badr, Hala Fakher, Hussein Sharhini, Muntasar Ballah  
6.00 Cartoons  
6.45 Summer 88  
7.05 Wajooth Wa Ahadith: Faces and Events, presented by Adel Male  
8.15 Hadith Usbooh: weekly religious talk  
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arah: Arabic series  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Saqiya Tador: Arabic series



John Hillerman plays Higgins in Magnum, 8.40 pm, on KTV2 tonight.

10.50 Nujoom Al Madinah Fi Hadith Al Madinah: last episode of weekly variety show.  
12.15 News Summary  
12.20 World News via Satellite  
12.50 Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Rubick: cartoons  
6.30 Chocky: another exciting adventure with Chocky in the lead  
7.00 Australian Ark: "In

Search of the Great White Shark." A look at the myth and reality about white sharks.

8.00 News in English  
8.30 You and the Law  
8.40 Magnum: "Pleasure Principle." Magnum fights the appearance of "Mac."

9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic sub-titles. Edward settles in Lyon with his wife and son.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Snow Way in Treat." Binky and Larry go on a skiing holiday with their girlfriends. Comedy.

10.30 B/W feature film: "Come On, George" starring George Formby, Pat Kirkwood, Jose Amher. 1939 production about a stableboy who rides his pet horse to victory in a prestigious race.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday. Islamic Arts Museum.

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show. Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

### SOCIAL

#### Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the Field of September. Interested talents contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

#### Welcome Back To Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach hotel on Sept. 29, at 8 pm. Music by the Sounds Great bands. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

#### Indian Ballet

Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithasipas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept. 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4537608.

#### Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2430279, 3981790, 3924659.

#### Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Teht SAS hotel on Sept. 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 531940.

#### Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on Sept. 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct. 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

### HOTELS

#### At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night

every Sunday 7.00 to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

#### At the Ramada

Al Bendar coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

Al Gandoul Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open from 7 pm to 11 pm daily.

Take away counter, open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

#### At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte at dinner.

#### At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring "Arab" specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnette Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm to 3 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

#### At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays. A selection of seafood is offered in Al Hamra on Wednesday night. The Marcus Band provide live entertainment. Special lunch and dinner buffets are offered to patrons of Le Tarbouche.

#### At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

#### At the Meridian

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations including salads, cocktails and mango ice cream, until Aug. 31.

#### At Messilah Beach

Al Muharakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

### SPORTS

#### 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

#### Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side nine-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct. 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

#### Sabah Trophy Meeting

The Sabah Cricket Tournament's organising committee will hold a general meeting on Sept. 1, 7.30 pm, at Ala Restaurant, Sharq. All participating teams are requested to attend. For details phone Naseem Khurshid — 4815077 ext. 513.

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## EDITORIALS

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Thought for today

THE rotten apple spoils his companion — Benjamin Franklin, US statesman (1706-1790).

## Peace in the Gulf

## War-weariness provides hope

By Roman Rolnick

BAGHDAD, (UPI): If the Iran-Iraq ceasefire that started on Aug 20 produces peace between the two nations, there will be one key reason: both sides are economically and militarily exhausted.

As UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar opened peace talks between the two countries in Geneva Thursday, tensions between Iran and Iraq are still high. The official media in both nations keep up a barrage of rhetoric.

War-weariness is probably the best harbinger of hope for the talks in which the United Nations must overcome eight years of hostilities that caused an estimated one million deaths in one of the bitterest wars of the 20th century.

**Victory**  
Every night for the past week people have been driving wildly through Baghdad's palm-fringed streets, huzzing the domed mosques and leaning out of their vehicles proclaiming victory against Iran in a cacophonous ritual of horns and chanting.

When the ceasefire was announced, Iranian troops came out of their trenches with flowers for rival Iraqis at the warfront who responded with offers of water in the traditional Middle East symbol of peace.

"The Iraqi soldiers are very happy the fighting is over now," an Iraqi liaison officer said. Despite accusations of ceasefire violations by both sides, none was officially reported by UN monitors in the first five days of the truce.

The timing of the ceasefire is also crucial. It is too hot to engage in fighting along most of the 750-mile border between the two coun-

tries. With average daily temperatures in the war zone of over 122 degrees, vehicles and weapons overheat. Soldiers need to double water intake to avoid dehydration in the parched sandy landscape, according to UN peace-monitoring officers.

An egg will fry on a Soviet tank in no time. But the favourable timing could easily be overcome by the lack of trust.

There is no reason to trust your neighbour if he keeps sending hordes of young men, women and children, fanatically geared for suicide, against you, as Iran did.

**Biased**  
So it will take sensitive diplomacy to reach a peace settlement.

Already, although they don't say so openly, the Iraqis feel Perez de Cuellar is biased toward Iran. People in Baghdad also wonder why Western nations seem more interested in resuming business with Iran, a major Western market before the 1979 Islamic revolution, than Iraq.

Iraq's \$13 billion in debt made it difficult to continue prosecuting the war, but it had gained the military advantage because its Army is better organized and disciplined.

Iraq is no longer in a position to fight on land, it has practically no Air Force left and cannot take on the American and other Western navies patrolling the Gulf. Baghdad looks neat and clean, with surprisingly little evidence of bombing. According to UN officials who have visited both capitals since the ceasefire, Tehran is in much worse condition.

Unlike Iraq, Iran did not allow in Western reporters to cover the start of the truce.

## Battling the Mafia: Italy's most dangerous job

By Charles Ridley

ROME, (UPI): In an atmosphere of crisis, a new man is vigorously tackling what may be Italy's most dangerous job, battling the Mafia.

Domenico Sica, 56 Italy's top anti-terrorist investigator, flew to Palermo the day after his formal installation Aug 10 as high commissioner co-ordinating the anti-Mafia campaign. In the Sicilian capital's fortress-like Palace of Justice and its police force he found confusion.

Key police officials and magistrates had quit, shattered by a national controversy over charges that they had eased up on the anti-Mafia crackdown in recent months. Even worse still, Giovanni Falcone, the super-tough magistrate who played a key role in jailing hundreds of Mafia gangsters in recent mass trials, asked for a transfer to another city — and then left on vacation.

**Briefings**  
Sica held quick if quiet briefings, then immediately acted. In a police launch the bearded commissioner went after Falcone, 49, who was taking refuge from the furor in a yacht off Sicily's north coast.

They had lunch at a hotel on the tiny island of Vulcano. The next day, Falcone returned to Palermo — although he did not immediately say he had changed his mind about quitting.

Italians, however, saw it as a promising start to what is regarded as Italy's toughest and most dangerous assignment. They expected no less from Sica.

Sica is given much of the credit for Italy's success in liquidating all but the remnants of Red Brigades terrorism that ravaged Italy for more than 10 years.

His choice to head the anti-Mafia drive was hailed as the boldest move since Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, a Carabinieri (parliamentary national police) general, took the job in 1982 at the height of an earlier anti-Mafia crisis.

Everybody in Italy remembers what happened to Dalla Chiesa. Only four months after his appointment, on Sept 3, 1982, six Mafia gunmen assassinated Dalla Chiesa, his new wife and an escorting policeman as they drove through the centre of Palermo.

That blatant challenge to the state was a landmark in decades

of Italian efforts to curb organized crime.

But in the past 20 years, the Mafia in Sicily has assassinated a dozen high-ranking law officials and as many top policemen.

Anti-Mafia investigators now travel in convoys of three bullet-proof cars, police armoured cars, are permanently parked outside their living quarters, and Falcone's office and home have been given bulletproof windows and doors.

In addition, non-stop gang wars for control of the multi-million-dollar drug traffic and other Mafia rackets have claimed around 200 gangster lives in Sicily each year since 1980. The figures are almost as high for similar organized crime gangs across the Messina Straits in Calabria and in the Naples region.

Lately, however, there has been a national outcry over a typical Italian mish-mash of political manoeuvring and intrigue in the anti-Mafia drive.

On July 20, Judge Paolo Borsellino, chief prosecutor in the Sicilian city of Marsala, charged in an interview that the crackdown on the Mafia had slackened since the January appointment of Antonino Meli, 62, as head of Palermo's magistrates.

**Disband**  
Borsellino charged that the special "pool" of nine magistrates dedicated to Mafia investigations in Palermo had been virtually disbanded.

Falcone, favoured for the job that went to Meli, plus other Palermo magistrates and police officials supported Borsellino's charges. Politicians joined in.

Palermo mayor Leoluca Orlando, 42, caused an uproar by telling a news conference the Mafia could never be defeated until politicians and officials who cover up for it are unmasked. Political connivance with the Mafia is regularly alleged, but few officials ever have been arrested.

"How can I run this city if I have doubts about whether the people I deal with may have ordered Mafia killings?" Orlando said.

As if in reply, the anti-Mafia committee of the Supreme Council of Magistrates — the ruling body of the Italian judiciary — announced it had questioned 25 Sicilian magistrates and found the charges of a slackening in the anti-Mafia campaign completely unfounded.

## Americans learn lessons from Gulf war

## US Navy unlikely to change global strategy

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The US Navy has learned a few war-fighting lessons from its Gulf escort experience but none likely to change its global strategy, according to both Pentagon and private defence analysts.

With Iran and Iraq seeking to end their eight-year-old war and the United States preparing to reduce its 29-ship Gulf force, experts say the Navy is trying to shore up weak points uncovered in such traumas as the 1987 attack against the frigate Stark and the shooting down of an Iranian passenger jet last month.

Shipboard changes under way include better fire prevention gear and damage-control training as a result of the Iraqi aircraft missile attack that killed 37 US sailors aboard the Stark in May 1987.

A push is also on to better prepare sailors emotionally for battle and improve capabilities of identifying suspicious aircraft swiftly and accurately under combat pressure.

## Shoot

Misidentification of an Iranian Airbus led the US cruiser Vincennes to shoot the civilian plane down in the heat of a surface battle in July, killing all 290 people aboard.

Apart from a few such touches on the rudder, however, the Navy appears unlikely to shake up fleet operations much as a result of its experience escorting reflagged tankers past the hit-and-run dangers of the Gulf. Even less is it likely to veer from America's two-ocean superpower strategy.

"I'm not on the inside, but you can bet the Navy's strategy of engaging the Soviets in deep water and keeping Ocean lanes open to Europe will continue to

dictate design and strategy," said former Defence Secretary Harold Brown.

"I don't say it's wrong," Brown told Reuters. "But the question here is whether they learned that you can't use all ships in all situations."

## Careful

Brown, now chairman of the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute, said he hoped Washington would be more careful in the future about committing a big fleet to a small area, "although it seemed to work out as things moved along."

Tom Longstrech, a defence analyst with the private Federation of American Scientists, agreed.

"I'm not going to argue in hindsight with building up the fleet to protect tankers," Longstrech said.

"It's just too bad that in the military, like any other huge

bureaucracy, it often takes tragedy or scandal like the airliner incident to make it move."

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci told reporters two weeks ago that the radar aboard the Vincennes worked well on July 3, the day of the tragedy, but that the crew mistakenly informed Captain Will Rogers that the Iranian Airbus was descending in a threatening manner when it was really gaining altitude.

## Budget

As a result, the Navy will draw up "emotional profiles" of certain jobs and improve training for high-stress situations.

Two weeks after the airliner incident, the Pentagon also urged Congress to restore \$9.2 million to the defence budget for a better "identification, friend or foe" (IFF) radar as part of the high-tech Aegis anti-aircraft system

on the ship. Currently, IFF relies on electronic pulses sent out by an aircraft to the ship. The one-billion-dollar Vincennes mistakenly identified the airliner as an Iranian F-14 fighter jet when the Airbus was sending no such fighter signal.

"We aren't going to make a lot of big changes in Aegis cruisers," said one senior Navy official, who asked not to be identified. "We plan improvements in the CIC (Combat Information Centre), but the ship won't get longer or shorter or carry any more radar."

## Learned

Retired Navy Admiral Gene La Rocque, a sharp critic of the major US naval presence in the Gulf, said the Navy had probably learned some useful information about escorting tankers and clearing mines from the waterway.

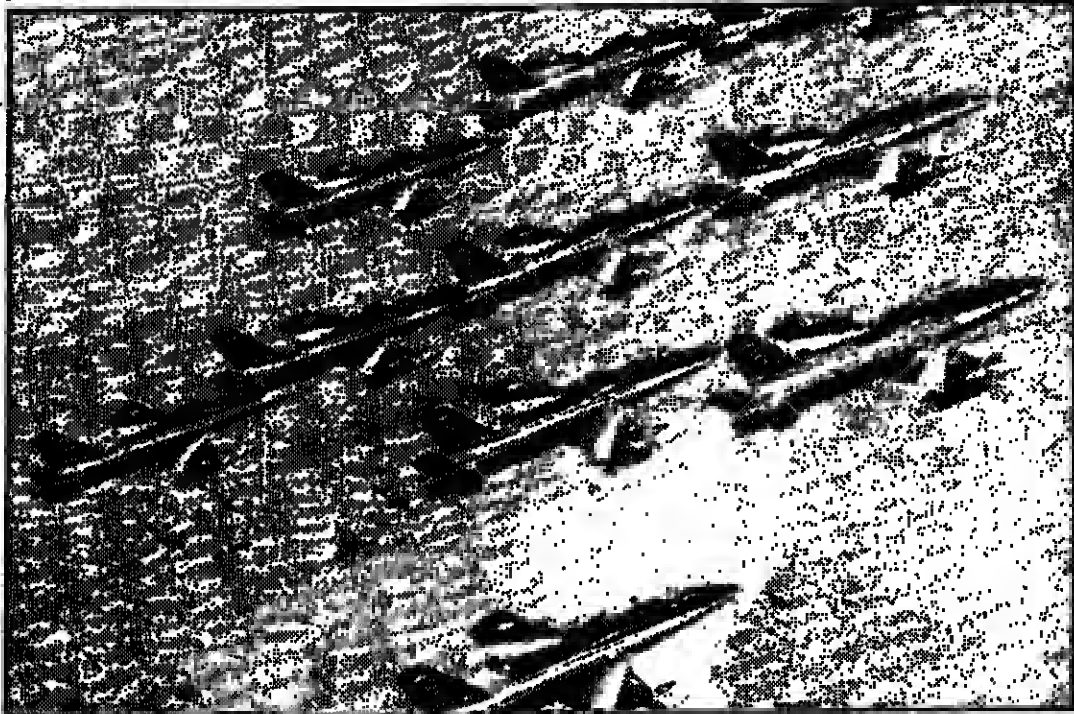
"But we had better not begining ourselves a slap on the back for ending the war," La Rocque said.

Longstrech said the presence of US and other protective Western warships in the Gulf was a factor, but that Iran's rugged economy and Iraq's victories were major reasons for Tehran's agreement for a ceasefire.

With Iran and Iraq no longer shooting at merchant vessels, Washington could start reducing its Gulf-area fleet soon.

Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard refused to speculate on this, but other defence officials told Reuters a few ships might be recalled without replacement as early as September.

"We might be able to start then. But I am not saying we will do so," said one Pentagon source. "We are going to move carefully and watch what happens in the ceasefire."



File picture of Italian Freccie Tricolori display team. (Reuters wirephoto)

ROME, (AP): The three planes of the Italian Air Force that collided at a West German air show on Sunday, sending one crashing into the crowd of spectators, were piloted by veteran members of an aerobatic team with a 58-year history.

The Freccie Tricolori (Tricolour Arrows) was founded in 1930 as a school of aerobatics. Since 1938 it has been a separate unit in the Air Force based at Rivolto and officially named the 313th Autonomous Aerobatic Training Group.

All three pilots were killed in Sunday's crash. Three other team members have been killed in air crashes in the last 10 years.

One, Capt. Pier Gianni Petri,

## Italian aerobatic team has a long history

was credited with saving the lives of spectators at a May 29, 1979, air show at Millehall in Britain by meeting the G91 jet away from the crowd when it crashed. The crash of the G91 jet occurred over the airport at Rivolto on July 12, 1978, killing one of the two pilots, Captain Graziano Carrer. On Sept. 2, 1981, another G91 crashed at Rivolto, killing Captain Antonio Gallus.

The three pilots killed in the collision on Sunday at Ramstein,

West Germany, were Lt. Col. Mario Naldini, 41, Lt. Col. Ivo Nutarelli, 38, and Capt. Giorgio Alessio, 31. Italian Air Force officials said Naldini had 3,900 flight hours, Nutarelli had 3,800 and Alessio had 1,600.

The Freccie Tricolori includes 14 pilots, three technical officers and 55 specialists. The classic flight formation of the group includes 10 aircraft, MB339-A jets, the same plane used by the Italian Air Force for advanced pilot training.

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Republican candidate George Bush, a self-proclaimed underdog in the Nov. 8 presidential election, has the look of a favourite despite the troubles of his vice-presidential running mate Dan Quayle.

With the help of a solid publicity boost from his party's national convention this month and his polished acceptance speech at that meeting, Bush has erased a 17-point lead by Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis and now holds a slim edge in most major opinion polls.

"It's going to be real close, but I'd say Bush by a hair," independent political analyst Charles Cook told Reuters.

Some believed the vice-president had made a major blunder in his selection of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle, 41, as his running mate.

## Dukakis flounders as Bush gets a boost

Quayle, virtually unknown outside his native state, spent more than a week on the defensive over his military service record and faltered badly in his initial efforts to explain his 1969 decision to join the home-based National Guard while others were fighting in Vietnam.

But surveys show only a handful of voters consider the issue significant and most think the news media have paid too much attention to it.

Only 15 per cent of voters polled by the Gallup Organisation for the Times-Mirror newspapers said they thought less of Quayle because of his military record and 69 per cent thought the issue had been exaggerated by the media.

The Gallup/Times-Mirror survey says 30 per cent of voters currently hold a dim view of Bush, compared to 44 per cent three months ago. However 33 per cent of the voters now have an unfavourable opinion of Dukakis, up from 22 per cent in May.

Political experts attribute the turnaround to Bush's aggressive efforts to portray Dukakis as a soft-hearted liberal who is out of step with mainstream views. Bush has attacked Dukakis for his record as governor of Massachusetts, accusing him of being soft on the emotional issues of crime and patriotism.

A Washington Post editorial said Bush had descended to "a demagogic political level" but experts say the vice-president has succeeded in raising doubts about his rival, a relative newcomer on the national scene.

There is also a growing sense in the political community that Dukakis has been floundering since last month's Democratic national convention, unsure about how to shift from the internal party battle for the nomination to an election contest.

"Dukakis is running a themeless and issueless campaign," says Republican strategist Peter Teesley, a long time associate of Bush.

"Dukakis risks becoming Tom Dewey without a mousethe," Teesley added in reference to the 1948 Republican nominee who coasted through the election campaign and was defeated by Harry Truman in one of the great upsets in American politics.

## Well-being

Bush is also aided by a general feeling of well-being about economic and international issues that makes it hard for Dukakis to exploit the traditional American desire for change after eight years of the same party in the White House.

"It's hard to scare people about the future when things are pretty good," said Brian Lund, manager of Senator Paul Simon's failed bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

## Global war against overpopulation

## US is 'odd man out'

By Kristin Helmore

WASHINGTON: In the global war against overpopulation, the Reagan years have led the United States from a position of international leader to "odd man out." This, at least, is the view of most professionals in the international family planning field.

The US still spends more than any other nation on bilateral family-planning programmes overseas. But its spending has declined from \$285 million in 1985 to \$233 million this year, while requests for family planning aid from developing countries are increasing. Also, the US has stopped supporting the major international population agencies in an effort to end abortion and coercive practices in family planning programmes worldwide.

Since 1986, the US has withheld contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), because it funds population programmes in China, which the US has accused of engaging in forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.

China criticized the Reagan administration's action. A 1987 statement from its official news agency said: "The US decision is an attempt to charge against the UNFPA's activities and a blow at the UN efforts to control excessive population growth."

**Stopped**  
In 1985, the US stopped funding Asian and African programmes of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) because the family planning programmes of some of its affiliate countries include abortion. (The US still funds IPPF programmes in Western hemisphere countries where abortion is illegal).

In 1984, the US threatened to cut off support from the Pathfinder Fund, a private US agency involved in overseas family planning, because it spent private monies (less than 6 per cent of its budget) on abortion. Pathfinder dropped all connection with abortion programmes.

Meanwhile, a number of developing countries have adopted family planning policies for the first time — notably in sub-Saharan Africa, where birth rates are the highest in the world. These countries have begun asking UNFPA for assistance, and the agency is hard-pressed to meet the demand.

The US policy "is having an effect," says UNFPA spokesman Hugh O'Hare, because it comes at a time when more funding is needed than ever before.

Furthermore, Reagan administration policies have led to more unwanted pregnancies and

more, not fewer, abortions, charges Werner Fornes, president of the Population Institute, an independent educational agency here.

In 1981 there were 30 million abortions a year worldwide. Abortions have zoomed to 60 million a year," Fornes says this figure, which he calls "conservative," comes largely from hospital records of women seeking treatment for injuries incurred during illegal, "back alley" abortions.

The Reagan administration still sees the US as a leader in world population control efforts.

"The US (accounts for) nearly 45 per cent of all donor support in developing countries," Alan Woods, administrator of the US Agency for International Development (AID) said in a statement last May. "Since taking office in 1981, the Reagan administration has spent nearly \$2 billion on family planning programmes. That's more than the entire amount spent by the four previous administrations..."

But critics of the administration's policies say this support is the result of congressional backing of population efforts. In fact, in 1981, when AID presented its request for funding for 1983, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, David Stockman, recommended that it eliminate its entire budget for population programmes.

Population experts also contend that Reagan's policies have weakened global population control efforts, sending signals of flagging commitment when an urgent drive by a "united front" of donor nations is needed.

Indeed, population workers are looking ahead optimistically to the next administration. They are confident that, whoever wins the election in November, US support for population control activities is bound to improve.

**Leader**  
Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis recently stated: "Given the direct relationship between overpopulation and environmental degradation, a reversal of the (current administration's) policy would be both substantially desirable and conducive to restoring our roles as a global leader on environmental and population issues."

And a coalition of Republican lawmakers has urged the Republican Platform Committee to "help reduce abortion by refunding voluntary family planning services abroad," including agencies like UNFPA and IPPF.

Indeed, in a foreword to a book written in 1973, George Bush wrote, "Success in the



President Reagan

population field, under United Nations leadership, may... determine whether we can successfully solve the other great questions of peace, prosperity, and individual rights that face the world."

So far, the economic impact of the US withdrawal from multilateral agencies has been largely offset by other donors, including new ones like the Soviet Union.

However, funding of international agencies remains between 25 and 50 per cent lower than the amounts the agencies have requested. In the past, US support of UNFPA accounted for about 30 per cent of the agency's budget. Japan is the largest contributor to this year's budget of \$175 million.

**Funds**  
Population advocates lament the fact that 140 UNFPA country programmes must do without US funds because of charges that the Chinese government practices coercive abortions and sterilization. Moreover, O'Hare says UNFPA's programmes do not involve coercive methods.

"None of our money is used to support abortion," he says. "The UN does not consider abortion as a method of family planning. Our position is that all couples should have access to information and materials on family planning, so they can make a free choice. If we had any indication that coercion is being practiced with our money we would pull out immediately."

In 1974, Congress prohibited the use of US funds for abortion-related activities overseas. But the policy to deny US funding to any agency, or government, that uses any other monies for abortion dates from the UN international conference on population held in Mexico City on world population in 1984.

At the conference, Reagan staff member James Buckley greatly worried population supporters when he declared that the US government does not perceive population growth to be either good or bad, but rather, "neutral," and that, instead of working to limit population growth, developing countries should encourage free-market, enterprise economies that will address economic woes.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## US reforms cut number of illegals

restaurant in Dallas, Texas.

The law also offered an amnesty to illegal immigrants who could prove they had lived in the country continuously since 1981.

Alan Nelson, a commissioner with the (INS), said last month 2.5 million people applied. Almost three-fourths of them are from Mexico which shares a border with the United States.

In July the INS apprehended 72,479 illegal immigrants compared to 125, 813 in the same month last year. The number of those apprehended is considered proportional to the total number of illegal immigrants.

The INS considers the decline a sign that the reforms are working.

"This is a law that was meant to totally change the employment patterns of individual companies over a period of time," said Carl Henderson, an INS public affairs officer. "We're seeing that change come about gradually."

But officials involved in immigrants' rights issues are concerned about the law.

Jose Juarez, director of the Mexican-American Legal Defence Fund, an employment programme in Los Angeles, said it could drive illegal immigrants deeper underground.

"The effect of employer sanctions has not been to force the immigrants to return to their native countries, but to force them to stay longer because they are afraid that if they leave and come back they will not be able to get jobs again," he told Reuters.

Others involved in immigration issues say the law has left illegal immigrants open to abuse by employers who lower their wages or ask for bonds to pay for fines if they are caught.

Helen Sklar, attorney for the National Centre for Immigrants Rights in Los Angeles, said, "We are seeing a real rise in cottage industries such as selling oranges on the streets. There has also been a rise in casual labour."



# Is there a scientific basis for astrology?

**Are our lives ruled by the stars? A top UK astronomer Dr Percy Seymour believes there is enough scientific backing for such a belief.**

By Lynda Black

A TOP UK astronomer Dr Percy Seymour has caused his colleagues and caused a real stir when he announced his belief in astrology.

The scientist thinks that there is scientific backing for the idea that our lives are ruled by the stars.

Now he is convinced that people born under the planetary influence of Mars will be military leaders, top executives, physicians and sports champions, while children born under Jupiter are more likely to succeed as journalists, playwrights, actors and politicians. Saturn, he says, breeds physicians and scientists.

And, to prove his point he has established that Jesus Christ was born under a triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation of Pisces — an event which only takes place every 900 years — and that the star of Bethlehem was Jupiter.

Research Dr Seymour, principal lecturer in Astronomy at Plymouth Polytechnic, says: "Scientific research shows that people born when the planets are rising in the sky, or are just past their peak will be leaders in their fields. I am positive that the stars rule our lives."

But the 50-year-old scientist's claims have been dismissed as pie in the sky by fellow astronomers.

Dr Seymour says: "Over the centuries astrology has become embroidered with falsehoods and it has left it wide open to attack."

"Only five years ago I was very sceptical about astrology. I didn't believe that the stars could influence people's lives."

But I changed my mind because of facts. Now I want to prove to other people that stars DO have an influence on us. And, if anything, my scientific background has given me an even greater understanding of how it works."

For example the three wise men knew exactly what they were looking for when they set out on their journey, all those thousands of years ago.

"They were astrologers who had interpreted from the stars that a great leader would be born. As the ancient world was divided up into star signs, it was also possible for them to tell that he was going to be born to the Jewish people, and the scriptures told them in what town."

Over the last few years it has become clear that people and animals have an extraordinary sensitivity to what is going on around them in the universe. They have some sort of inbuilt aerial that tunes them in.

"The air-waves are full of all sorts of signals... radios, telephones, police and taxi radios, television, satellites. In the same way that we can tune into the radio, then this mechanism allows us to tune into the stars."

**Tuned** And Dr Seymour says that we have a special relationship with the star we were born under.

He says: "Each planet is playing a tune, which creates a harmony within the whole universe."

"That note can be tuned into by humans and animals through a very sensitive aerial located in the nervous system. After all, it's the wiring up of the nervous system which determines a person's character, and it is the pulsing of the elec-

trical circuits which act as 'receivers' to the stars. It's almost as if we have our own personal telephone number directly linked to our star."

"The nervous system develops over the nine months that a child is conceived in the womb, but the last month is the most important. That is when it grows considerably. And it is nurtured by the harmony of the music."

Even the actual birth is triggered by the stars, according to Dr Seymour.

He explains: "The baby is born when the music reaches a crescendo, or peak. At the moment of birth the music is cut off. The baby is literally swamped with all the other senses it is experiencing. It is only during sleep and day dreaming that we can 'hear' the music from the stars."

"It has a restoring effect on us in moments of tranquility. It harmonises us. One day you could be in the middle of a blazing row with the radio on in the background and suddenly that very special tune is played. It would naturally cause the couple to act very differently towards each other, as they recalled that first dance together."

Babies who are not born naturally, Dr Seymour adds, are not tuned in properly to their ruling planet."

**Research** And he is hoping to research into the cause of psychotic behaviour, or 'Eureka moments' when great scientific discoveries are made, through his study of the interstellar music.

He says: "The genetic code, which is passed on from parent to child, is rather like a safe that cannot be broken into. My research has shown that genetic links between parent and child are strongest during magnetic storms within the earth's atmosphere."

"It is rather like taking a photograph. The stronger the light, the stronger the image you get, and it's the same for



Dr Percy Seymour with a copy of his book *Astrology: The Evidence of Science*.

babies. They get a stronger imprint of their parent's personality when the earth's magnetic field is violently disturbed."

Until five years ago however, Dr Seymour was as sceptical as most of his colleagues about astrology. Then, a local television station, making a film on astrology, asked him for his expert opinion on the subject, as an astronomer.

Dr Seymour explains: "Finally, they wanted my opinion as an astronomer, and asked me if I thought the stars ruled our lives. I said that I believed in a biological clock, but that it had nothing to do with astrology."

"But that made me recall a book I had read by a French astrologer, Michel Gauquelin, *Cosmic Influences on Human Behaviour*, in which he discovered that out of 576 French doctors who obtained medical distinction, most tended to be born when Mars and Saturn was rising."

"The first time I read it I didn't think it drew any valid conclusions in astronomical terms. But I decided to read it again. I also began to read other books on astrology too. Soon I began to feel that there was lot

that needed more explanation."

"It is a very controversial subject because it doesn't rely on orthodox scientific methods, and most of my work involves over-coming all the preconceptions and prejudices of other astronomers. I am now faced with the task of formulating a new astrology and sorting out what is scientifically provable and that which isn't."

At the moment Dr Seymour believes this work will take years to complete. He eventually hopes to perfect a computer programme to examine the relationship between people and their planets.

"There may even come a time when schoolchildren will be able to use the influence of their planet in making career decisions."

The stars were obviously shining on Dr Seymour when he was born when Saturn was in a favourable position to Uranus. He adds: "It means that I will make a successful scientist."

And he should know... because it is in his stars.

★ *Astrology: The Evidence of Science*, by Percy Seymour, Lennard Publishing 1988.

## New planet in orbit

By Adrian Berry

FOR the first time, the existence of a planet in the orbit of another star has been confirmed beyond doubt by astronomers.

But this newly-found world is much hotter than an oven and is almost certainly lifeless. Dr David Latham, head of the team who made the discovery, said recently:

"It is 90 light-years away, in orbit round a star called HD 114762, in the constellation of Coma Berenice, a region of the sky named after the beautiful hair of Berenice, an ancient Egyptian queen."

The new planet is 30,000 times larger than the Earth (20 times bigger than Jupiter), and orbits its parent star every 84 days. Dr Latham told the American Astronomical Union in Baltimore:

"This makes it closer to its own sun than Mercury is to ours, and it would therefore have a surface temperature of hundreds of degrees, said Dr Latham, who made the discovery through a 61-inch telescope at the Oak Ridge Observatory in Massachusetts."

The star HD 114762, at the bottom left-hand corner of Coma Berenice, has a magnitude of seven, just too faint to be seen by the naked eye, although visible through good binoculars.

It is a spring star, and can be seen only from March until July. The tilt of the Earth causes it to be hidden from view by the sun for the rest of the year.

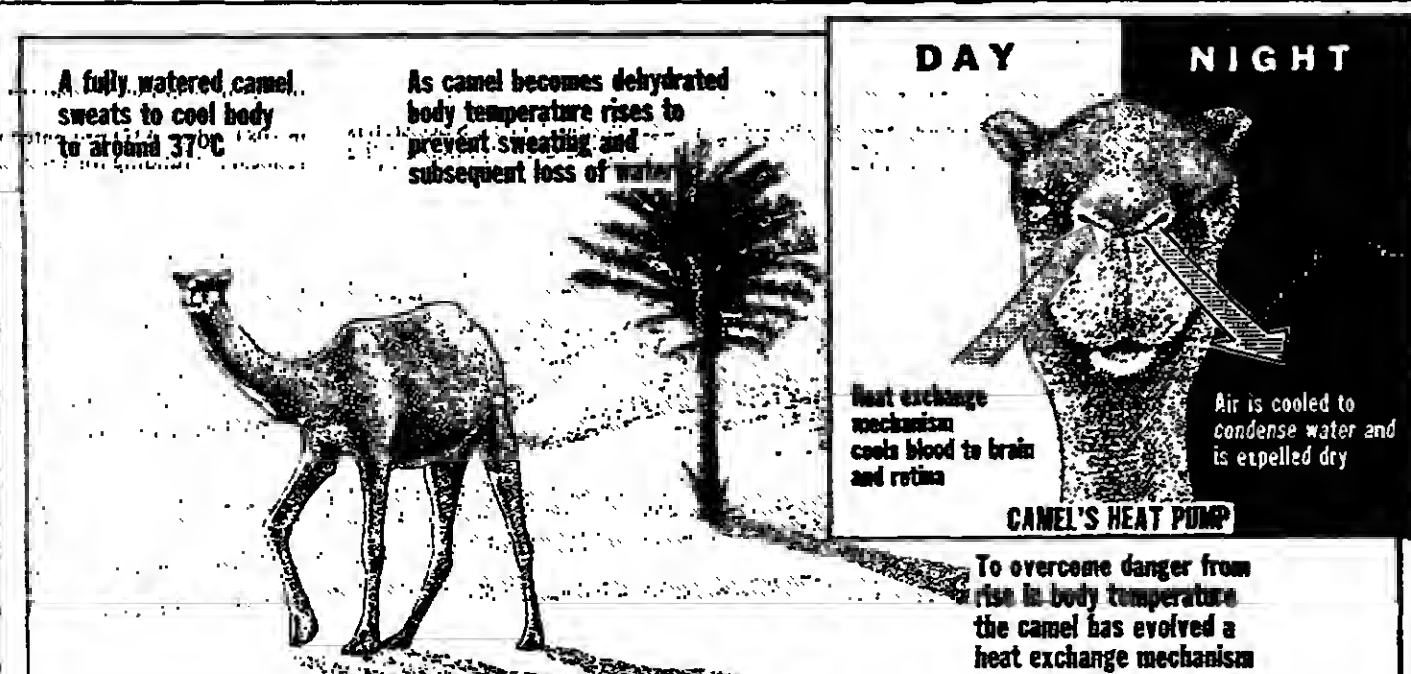
Despite its size, the planet itself is too small and distant to be seen even though the most powerful telescope. And its sun's glare would blot out its light.

Seeing it "would be like trying to see a candle placed beside a powerful searchlight on the Moon," said Dr Latham.

The presence of the planet was detected when the telescope noted a slight wobble in the motion of the star that could be caused only by the gravitational field of a nearby orbiting body.

What confirms the discovery even more strongly is that it was discovered also by a group of Swiss astronomers, working independently under the leadership of Dr Michel Mayor, at the Geneva Observatory.

The implications of the discovery are exciting for the long-term future of the human race. It means that millions of Sun-like stars in the Milky Way are likely to have Earth-sized planets, which would be habitable or could be made so.



By Malcolm Brown

IT WAS an unpleasant scene, recalls Dr Robert Schroter, a scientist from Imperial College, London, as he describes how three female dromedaries, after being denied water for three weeks — were finally allowed a drink in their North African enclosure. The camels got through about 60 litres each in minutes.

"It's quite obscene really," says Schroter. "They start burping like hell with gas from the rumen."

It might sound trivial and uncomfortable for the single-humped camels — but the experiment in Morocco is deadly serious. Schroter, a reader in the college's physiological flow-studies unit, which investigates things like breathing and blood circulation, wants to know what makes camels tick.

If he and his team can work out how camels function, they should be able to advise Third World governments on the best way to breed them.

The need is great, especially in Morocco, where farmers depend on the camel for food and labour. In the past few years, droughts have severely reduced their numbers. The country needs more working camels, which can pull and carry even in the most extreme heat.

**Interest**

Schroter is collaborating in the study with a Moroccan, Dr Rachid Achaabun, who has been camel-sitting for several weeks at a special unit of Rabat's Institute Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II. But Schroter himself is an old hand with camels.

His interest began in 1976 at a conference in Switzerland, Schroter, whose speciality is the

## Beating the heat — by a nose

Scientists investigating camels have found something remarkable. The animal has a complex nasal structure which in effect provides its brain with an air-conditioning system.

physiology of respiration, spoke there with Professor Knut Schmidt-Nielsen, an expert on camels, who told him he had information suggesting that camels could exhale air that contained virtually no water vapour.

Humans and most large animals breathe out air that is saturated with water, so the suggestion that camels could expel dry air was intriguing. Schroter began to investigate the camel's nose and found something remarkable. The animal has a complex nasal structure which in effect provides its brain with an air-conditioning system.

**Mechanism** By placing humidity sensors up the camel's nose, the scientists identified a special heat-exchange process. This is vital to the camel's ability to withstand the extreme conditions in the desert. A fully watered camel protects itself by sweating in the heat of the day. That keeps its body temperature constant at 37°C.

But as it becomes dehydrated, the animal begins a different kind of trade-off. It allows its body temperature to rise in an attempt to conserve its remaining body water.

At the peak of the day its body temperature may rise to around 41.5°C. That means it has less need to sweat, so it saves water.

In other animals the high

body temperature would be a threat to the brain.

The heat-exchange mechanism in the camel's nose defuses the threat. It cools the blood to the brain (and the retina) and makes sure it is not damaged by overheating.

At night the mechanism cools the expired air significantly, and extracts water from it — again a vital conservation of the camel's precious body water.

Schroter is now widening the experiment to look at the influence of exercise and at the mechanisms involved in controlling the distribution and movement of water in the camel's body during dehydration and rehydration.

"What happens when it's carrying a load or pulling a plough?" he wonders.

"What happens to brain temperature control and body temperature control then, and how does all this change as the animal becomes dehydrated?"

The latest research is concentrating on the way that water and all the elements, such as sodium, that make up the camel's blood are handled by its body during dehydration and rehydration, something the animal will experience regularly in agricultural work.

Scientists are examining... The total amount of water in the body. Where is it distributed in the blood and body tissues?

What happens to the red cells during dehydration? If, when water is lost it is partly taken from the blood, what happens to the other components, particularly the red cells, plasma proteins and the like. For instance, does the total number of red cells fall or does it stay constant and result in thicker blood?

Does the animal change the protein concentration in the blood and tissue?

Perhaps most important, Schroter and his colleagues are investigating the hormones they believe are responsible for controlling the level of salts and water in the camel's blood and in its body tissues.

It is vital to learn more about camels — and quickly. Only last year veterinary surgeons in India, unaware of the Imperial College research, were giving anaesthetics to camels that had been injured at work. In several cases the animals died. "The reason? The anaesthetic switched off the mechanism that kept the camel's brains cool."

Humans may also benefit from the research. When divers reach great depths, they do not breathe ordinary air but are given a mixture of helium and oxygen. But the mixture has a much higher capacity for storing heat than air, so that divers lose great amounts of body heat.

It is hardly feasible to supply divers with very hot air to breathe under water, but an alternative might be to provide them with a highly efficient regenerative heat exchanger — rather like the one in the camel's nose.

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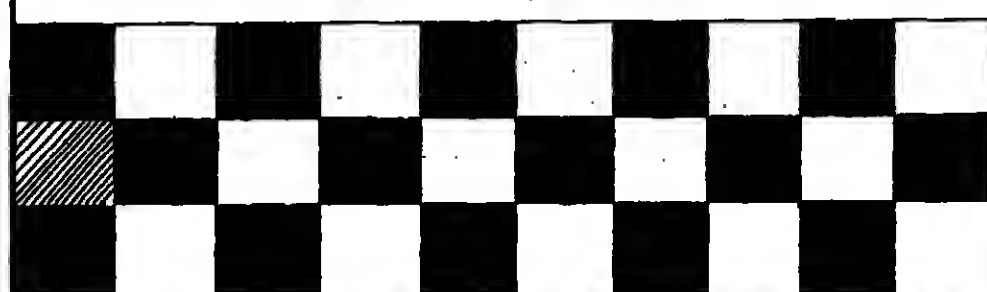
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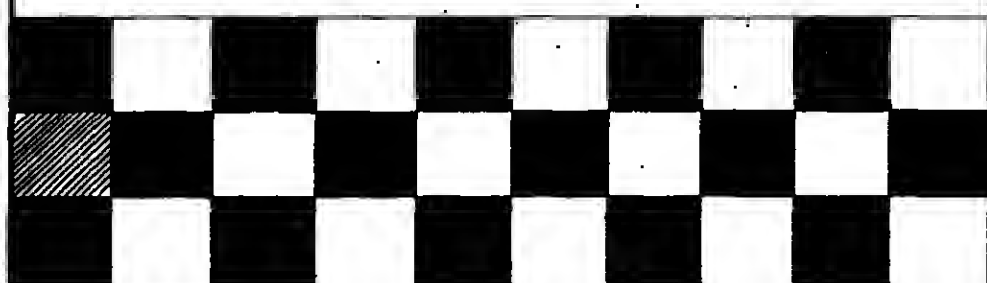
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PEOPLE

Col. North takes his cause to the public

# ...And now Ollie, star of the lecture circuit

Confronted with millions of dollars in legal bills, Colonel Oliver North speaks before conservative groups and fans across America for \$25,000 a time. Is he only doing it for the money or are there political ambitions as well?

By David Blundy

BLACK, elongated limousines with darkened windows stood outside the Radisson Hotel and a private jet waited, under heavy security, at Indianapolis airport.

Motorcycle police guarded the entrance to the hotel; deputies from the local sheriff's department guarded the lobby; inside the hotel a group of huge men with pot bellies and walkie-talkies guarded a tiny and familiar figure with a gap-tooth smile.

The hoop-la normally reserved for presidents and Frank Sinatra had been laid on in Indianapolis last week for Colonel Oliver North, a man who is treading a delicate line between public appearances as an American hero and appearances in court to face 16 indictments and a possible 80-year term in the federal penitentiary.

"It is a dangerous world," Colonel North said during the Congressional hearings into the Iran/Contra affair, and the Colonel should know.

Not only does jail loom, but a number of international terrorist groups want to take the law into their own hands. He has been threatened by the Abu Nidal organisation, and two years ago Libyan hit-teams put him near the top of list for his role in bombing their capital city. He now travels in a cocoon of security.

Colonel North, the former US Marines officer and National Security Council aide, virtually ran America's secret, and possibly illegal, foreign policy, and for a time commanded more power than the Secretary of State.

He rescued American hostages, sold arms to Iran, sent funds and arms to the

Nicaraguan Contras, hijacked terrorists in mid-air, bombed Libya, invaded Grenada and sold secret communications systems to the Jamaicans.

He is now a star of the lucrative American lecture circuit, making frequent appearances before groups of conservatives and fans across "the length and breadth of this great, God-given country of ours," as Colonel North describes it.

Along with Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington and General Al Haig he is one of the most popular speakers in America.

For a marine officer who has spent a lifetime serving, or some would say abusing, his country, it is a pleasant emersion in the private sector.

He earns \$25,000 a go, and over the past year he has earned more than he did during his entire military service.

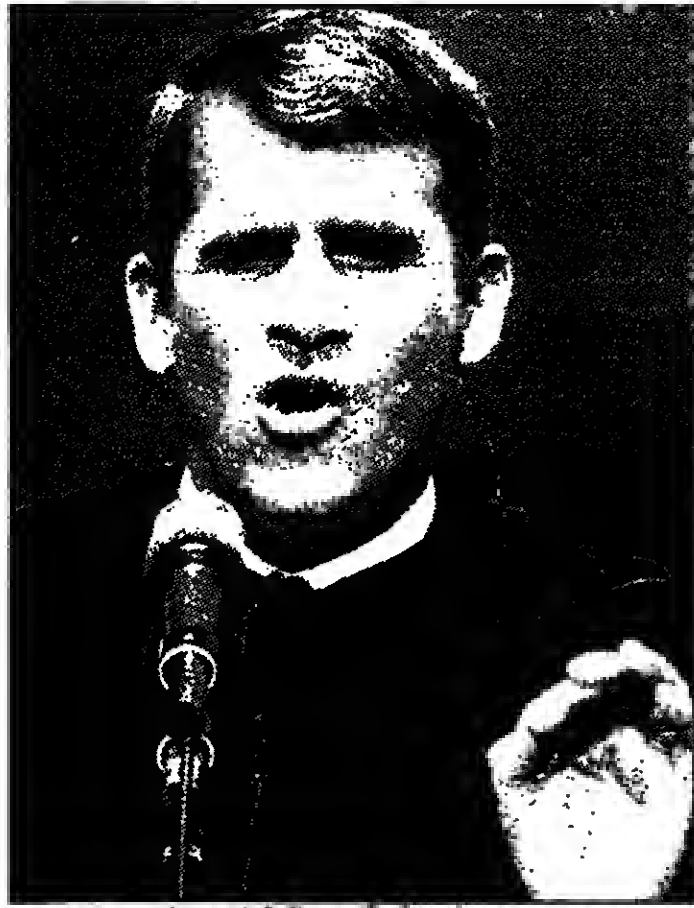
Colonel North has no doubt that he is a hero, and last week in Indianapolis few denied it.

There were shouts of "Ollie, Ollie" as he entered the hotel. A few protesters paraded outside, but inside local Republicans, politicians, lawyers, police chiefs, businessmen and religious leaders had paid \$250 each for the privilege of standing in line and shaking his hand. They paid \$125 to hear him speak and seemed not to regret a cent of it.

### Emotion

The head of the local police burglary squad sat at my table and his voice trembled with emotion as he talked about Colonel North, who faces more serious charges than any burglar in Indianapolis. "He is a great man. He belted me in law and order. If there were more men like that our job would be easier," said the police chief.

But hasn't he possibly broken the law? Isn't he



North delivers a lecture in Indianapolis. Over the past year he has earned more than he did during his entire military service.

accused of conspiring to defraud the country he professes to love, stealing government property, obstructing a presidential inquiry, and tax evasion, among many other things. Bullshit," said the police chief. Other paying guests described Colonel North as "sincere", "moving", "wonderful" and "a man who isn't scared to tell the truth."

The Colonel needs the money. He presents himself as a martyr whose only offence was to speak the truth and defend "this great country of ours." He is ood cooed with millions of dollars in legal bills. "Without your contributions it would be much more difficult for my family and me to make it. We are confronted by the largest investigation in the history of the Republic," said Colonel North. "There are

more people in Washington trying to put Ollie North behind bars than in any other inquisition in the history of our land."

In an odd historical comparison he says he is like the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. "Fifty-six Americans who signed the declaration ended it with these words: 'We mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honour.' Five of them were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve of the signers had their homes pillaged and burned to the ground... There are risks worth taking."

Is Colonel North only doing it for the money? There is a suspicion, a fear among many Americans, that the Colonel is running for something else — perhaps a Congressional seat

once his trials and tribulations are over. Colonel North says coyly that he is "campaigning hard for one of the most difficult posts of all, the job of husband and father."

He also says he is campaigning for a more conservative Congress, and appeared in Indianapolis at a benefit for the ultra-conservative local Congressman Dan Burton.

For the true-blue conservatives of Indiana, one of the most right-wing states of the Union, there is little doubt that Colonel North would be a better presidential candidate than Vice-President George Bush.

The fears are fanned by the North speech itself, which is peppered with political clichés culled from the less-inspired speeches of Ronald Reagan. The Colonel sounds just like a Republican candidate for the Presidency. His audience is smaller than the millions of television viewers who watched him during the Congressional hearings, but he can still put on a good show.

### Praises

He praises free enterprise and strong defence. "I believe that government is best when it governs least," he said. "America's vision and will takes root and survives in the strength and solidarity of America's families."

He attacks the two demons of the right wing: the US Congress, which he says lacks will, patriotism and faith, and Communism. He describes himself as an "unrepentant anti-communist." "Communism can only work in two places, in Heaven where they don't need it and in Hell where they've already got it."

The police chief waved a chicken leg and the whole room applauded. North praises President Reagan and "the leadership of a great President I am proud to have served."

It is a curious performance. The majority of Americans, and certainly the US Congress, believes that Colonel North has severely damaged the very things he says he would lay down his life for: not only his country's foreign policy but



North takes oath during the congressional hearings into the Iran/Contra affair. He faces a possible 80 odd years in the federal penitentiary.

also President Reagan, who was embroiled in the Iran/Contra scandal, the Republican Party, and Colonel North's beloved Constitution which set up checks and balances to stop people like Colonel North.

Ironies These ironies escaped both the Colonel and his audience. So did a new batch of revelations about him contained in Gans and Glory's biography of North by Ben Bradlee Jr. It is disturbing that Colonel North had a nervous breakdown in

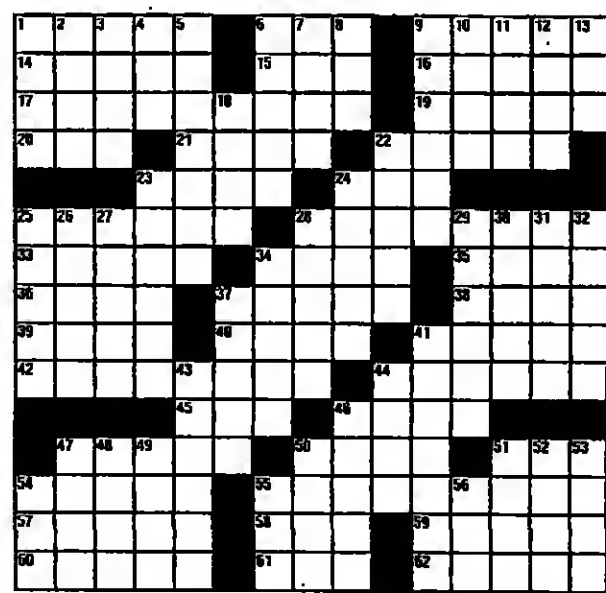
the 1970s and ran around his house oaked waving a .45 revolver at his wife, whom he always describes as his "best friend". He then changed his medical record to erase the incident.

He is also a liar. He lied when he boasted about his frequent meetings with the President, he lied about flying a mission into El Salvador and rescuing two soldiers in 1983 (there was no such mission), about serving in Angola (he didn't), about a mission to the Middle East with

Philip Habib (Habib says he went alone), and about his dog being poisoned by terrorists (it died of old age). He even lied about his military record. He was not, as he told the National Security Council, a company commander in Vietnam. He was never involved in "unconventional warfare."

Colonel North's heroism is widely tarnished, but not among the true believers. There may be enough of them to help Colonel North get a seat in the Congress he despises so much.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
STICK TO THE ODDS

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**

♠ Q 10 3 2  
♥ A K 10 7 2  
♦ A K 6  
♣ 9

**WEST**

♠ J 9 6  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ J 7 3  
♣ J 10 2

**EAST**

♠ 8  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 9 8 5 2  
♣ A K 7 6 5

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 7 5 4  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ 4 3

The bidding:

	North	East	South	West
1	♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2	♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3	♣	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
4	♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

How you play a hand could be influenced by whom you are playing against. To illustrate this point, cover up the East and West hands and suppose that you are declaring six spades. At your left is one of the best card players in the world, Martin Hoffman of London.

You have reached six spades on a natural and logical auction. North's

jumps, including jump support of your suit, have guaranteed a singleton in the unbid suit, so your final bid is only a slight stretch—a doubtless heart and three clubs would have made the slam a laydown. However, North could, and perhaps should, have had the queen of hearts for his powerful bidding.

West leads the queen of clubs, then shifts to the nine of hearts. How do you play the hand?

Left to your own devices, the percentage play in hearts would be to lead to the ten and finesse should West follow with a low card. Has his shift made you change your mind and try for Q-J bare instead?

Think for a moment. If West, who is an excellent defender, is looking at three low hearts, he knows the contract might hinge on a heart finesse; and if that is the case, the slam is doomed to fail. Therefore, he will lead anything other than a heart rather than expose partner's holding in the suit.

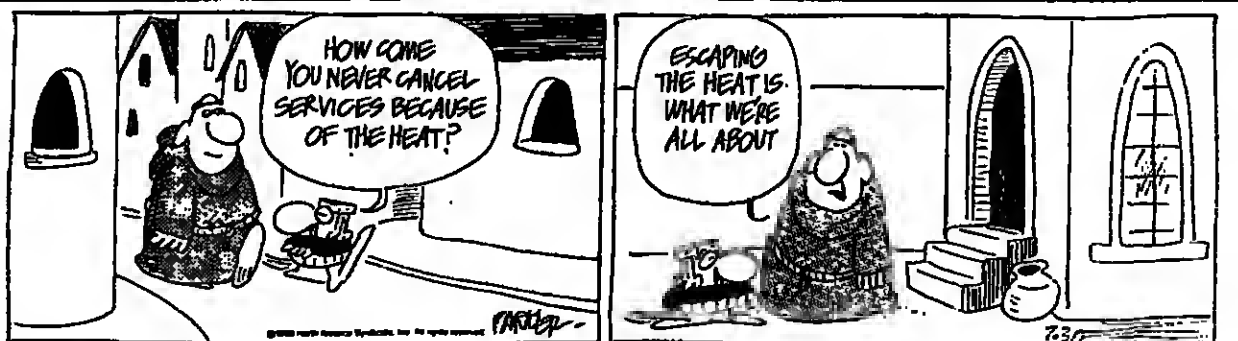
The only reason West is leading a heart is that he is trying to talk you out of the winning line. Don't fall for it. Go with the odds and finesse the ten! Theo claim when both defenders follow to the first round of trumps.



"So you were three days into the mountains, then what happened?"

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will be able to demonstrate your abilities to great effect. However that does not mean you should rest on your laurels. You will have to do your best to keep calm in the face of provocation.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You will not be in the best of moods and will have to take extra care not to offend anyone. Avoid concerning yourself with secondary matters. Make sure that the trust placed in house is warranted. Be more tolerant.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

You should not allow work to encroach upon your private affairs. Do not expect others to do exactly what you would like them to do. Think once again before you decide on what to do. Be alert.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

If you have any doubts about whether you are doing the right thing, don't. Make sure you work out your route before setting off. Try not to postpone what ought to be done now. Be reasonable.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

You will tend to be a little too fanciful and should try to control yourself. You must not allow a certain degree of personal success to go to your head. Read a contract carefully before you sign it. Be frank.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

An offer or proposal should be considered carefully but also a little cautiously. An idea of yours will not be as good as seemed at first. You should make sure you do not neglect a personal matter. Be considerate.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

Today is going to be a rather tiring day, so try to conserve your energies. You are more liable to make mistakes so be on the lookout for them. You should not try to use force where persuasion has not succeeded. Be a little more patient.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

There will be some positive influences but you must still work hard and pay careful attention. You should reach each document carefully before you sign it. Make sure you keep your wits very much about you. Be tolerant.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

You must resist a tendency to allow things to fall into arrears. There is little or no time to lose. You should ensure you do not reveal something told to you in confidence, nor should you listen to gossip. Be tactful.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

You will tend to spend too much time on secondary matters. You should not allow others to steal your glory nor should you try to steal theirs. Try to show a little more commonsense. Be reliable.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. You should not allow yourself to be sidetracked nor should you lose sight of your objectives. A little more perseverance is needed just now. Be prompt.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

You should not be too timid or too proud to ask for advice. You will be able to make progress with a practical matter that has been bothering you. Do not do anything you are not quite sure about.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Bid to woo Tehran

# Subroto may offer higher oil quota to Iran

OPEC secretary-general Subroto may offer to raise Iran's oil output quota as part of a deal to fix production parity between Baghdad and Tehran, the official Kuwait News Agency KUNA reported yesterday.

The agency quoted senior Gulf oil sources as saying Subroto "may suggest to Iran a 150,000 barrels per day (BPD) increase on its current quota, so that both OPEC members produce nearly 2.5 million BPD."

Iran now has a quota of 2.369 million BPD set by OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

Iraq, with current output estimated at 2.7 million BPD, refused to accept its official quota of 1.54 million BPD because it was not given parity with Iran.

**Visit**  
Subroto left Kuwait yesterday after a three-day visit and will have talks in Iran and Iraq on the quota conflict.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said Subroto, who was due to go on to Baghdad on Thursday, declined to comment on arrival in Tehran on Iraq's demand for production parity

with Iran.

KUNA said Subroto might call an emergency OPEC ministerial meeting if he succeeded in his efforts to strike a deal to resolve the dispute.

A glut of oil has driven world spot prices more than \$4 a barrel below OPEC's benchmark price of \$18.

Oil industry analysts have predicted that Iraq and Iran, following the Aug 20 UN-sponsored ceasefire in their war, may co-operate within OPEC to curb excessive output by members.

**Parity**

But Tehran, which had in the past blocked Baghdad's demand for production parity, indicated last week it had not changed its view.

"By now means can there be a parity between Iranian and Iraqi output," Iran's Deputy Oil Minister, Hussein Kazempour Ardebili, was quoted as saying by the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) said yesterday.

The Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said yesterday that Iran hoped to start direct oil exports, avoiding a costly shuttle service, from its main Kharg island terminal in

the northern Gulf by November.

It said Iran was giving top priority to repairing fixed berths at Kharg, which was repeatedly raided by the Iraqi Air Force during the eight-year war.

"According to some reports, one berth at the four-berth sea island and five at the 10-berth T-jetty (at Kharg) are now functional to a certain degree," MEES said.

Iran started oil exports immediately after the ceasefire from a single buoy mooring facility at Ganaveh on the Iranian mainland opposite Kharg island.

It also plans to move its shuttle export terminal to Sirri island inside the Gulf from the Strait of Hormuz next month, cutting the shuttle distance by more than 150 miles.

**Highbar**  
OPEC's official price is \$18 a barrel. But the weekly noted that Britain's benchmark Brent crude was selling at around \$15 a barrel, with Gulf crude selling around 1.5 a barrel below that.

"Even assuming, as may well be the case, that demand is running at a substantially higher level than projected by most



Subroto

forecasts, such a production volume is clearly too high for comfort on the price front," it said.

The main violator of OPEC's quota agreement has been the United Arab Emirates. It has rejected its quota of 948,000 barrels a day and is producing an estimated 1.5 million barrels a

day.

The Kuwaiti news agency yesterday quoted unidentified oil sources as saying that Subroto might suggest increasing Iran's quota to around 2.5 million barrels a day in an effort to woo Tehran, Venezuela, which had vetoed pushing Iraq back into the quota system, recently dropped its opposition. That removed one of the main obstacles in the efforts to reintegrate Iraq into OPEC's production system.

Meanwhile, Iran's Oil Minister told a news conference in Tehran yesterday that Iranian technicians have repaired an Iranian oil platform damaged when US Navy gunners fired on it in April, and it is now pumping oil at a third of its capacity.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh, quoted by Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, said technicians from Iran's Continental Shelf Company repaired the damaged Salman platform, and it is now pumping 50,000 barrels of oil a day — 35 per cent of potential production.

Aqazadeh said foreign experts may be invited through international tender if this becomes

necessary as efforts continue to increase platform production to its 160,000 barrels a day level before the US April 18th attack.

He said installations and wells in the Sirri area of the central-southern Gulf which US gunners also blasted on the same day have already been repaired and put back into operation at 80 per cent capacity.

**Damage**  
He said the Nasir oil field is pumping 20,000 barrels a day at present, even though it sustained serious damage.

Rashadat and Resalat oil fields, which Aqazadeh said came under American attack April 19, have also been restored to production.

He said eight of the 24 wells were seriously damaged and set on fire during the strike, but despite "heavy pressure and considerable eruption of oil and gas from them, the last well came under control last week."

Meanwhile, US crude oil prices fell nearly 40 cents a barrel this week, depressed by signs that OPEC production was steadily rising and output disputes between key producers Iran and Iraq.

## Japan tries to calm market fears on rates

TOKYO, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Japan went to unusual lengths on Friday to assure financial markets that major nations were not about to embark on a competitive round of interest rate hikes and were still working together to manage the dollar.

Bank of Japan and Finance Ministry officials, normally reluctant to talk about US monetary policy, said the United States would not match Thursday's interest rate increases in Europe.

"The European rate rises will not lead to a US rate increase as long as inflation in the United States is under control," a ministry official said.

The official also made clear that Japan had no plans of raising its key discount rate, at present standing at 2.5 per cent.

**Conditions**  
"Current Japanese monetary conditions do not require a discount rate rise," he said. Japanese domestic prices and the yen were still stable, he added.

Led by West Germany, seven European nations raised interest rates on Thursday in an attempt to curb the dollar's advance against the mark. The higher rates will make it more profitable for investors to hold European currencies instead of dollars.

The latest round of rate rises, aimed at stabilising the mark and other European currencies, would thus not lead to an increase in rates in the United States unless inflationary pressures build up there, said a senior Japanese official, who asked not to be identified.

Japanese officials said they expected the European rate rises to help discourage speculative selling of the mark and ensure stable exchange rates in Europe. But if the mark does not stabilise, the Group of Seven leading industrial countries were ready to take further steps to ensure it does, the officials said. The seven comprise Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany.

## Kuwait to take part in Arab stock market meeting

THE role of Arab stock markets in privatising state companies will be the key issue at a three-day seminar starting Sept. 6, in Casablanca, a Kuwait Stock Market source said yesterday.

The Kuwait Stock Market will be represented at the seminar by a delegation headed by Exchange Director Hisham Al Otaibi. The seminar was organised by the Association of Arab Stock Markets.

Kuwait Stock Market brokers, investment company representatives and financiers will also attend the gathering, along with officials of the Kuwait Investment Authority.

Key speakers at the opening session will be association president Abdulrazzak Aliraghi, and the Moroccan finance minister.

Privatisation of state-held companies and how Arab stock markets can play further this goal, will be discussed at the seminar, the source added.

## New US GNP data show faster growth in economy

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (UPI): Economists said government indicators released last week point to a 'boom-like' economy. BAT Industries won its battle for Farmers Group Inc. and the Hunt Brothers plan to appeal a jury's finding that they conspired to corner the silver market.

Inflation hit a six-year high in the second quarter as the nation's 'boom-like' economy threw off a \$2.4 billion drought loss and grew at a healthy 3.3 per cent annual rate, the Commerce Department said.

**Changes**  
While showing solid growth, the report contained a danger signal. Two measures the Bureau of Economic Analysis uses to adjust for price changes and estimate the economy's underlying inflation rate shot up in the second quarter.

"This report shows a boom-like potential," said Allen Sinai, chief economist for the Boston Co. "We're into a boom with the kind of inflation that accompanies a boom, and that's a surprise to most people."

**Booms bring dearer money**  
The fixed weights index, which corresponds most closely to the more commonly cited consumer price index, and the deflator, which takes into account the composition of the GNP as well as price changes, both hit their highest levels since the third quarter of 1982.

The fixed weights index was 4.7 per cent in the second quarter, up from 3.5 per cent in the first quarter, and the deflator rose from 1.7 per cent to 5.1 per cent.

The bureau said the increase was caused by higher prices for food, energy and clothing.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics reported this month that the July consumer price index jumped 0.4 per cent, an annual rate of 5.2 per cent.

**Increase**  
"The prices of what we're buying right now are rising faster than we thought they were," said Robert Diell, senior economist with the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago.

July's price increase was 0.1 per cent higher than the increase in June. The government said the

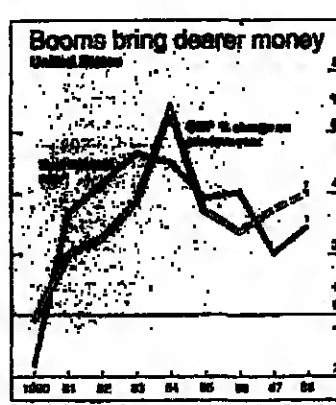
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drought has reduced corn and soybean crops, which in turn, is likely to make food cost more through the end of the year.

The increase in food prices was led by a 4.7 per cent jump in fresh fruit and vegetable prices, a 7.4 per cent hike in poultry prices and a 9.6 per cent increase in egg prices, the Labour Department said.

Retail grocery prices increased 1.4 per cent during the month. British conglomerate, BAT Industries won its eight-month

bitter takeover battle to acquire Los Angeles insurance giant Farmers Group Inc. for \$5.2 billion. BAT, which has a substantial position in the international tobacco industry, had sweetened its original offer three times before farmers' board accepted.

**Purchase**  
The acquisition is the largest in California history, surpassing the \$5.1 billion purchase of the Hughes Aircraft Co. by General Motors Corp. It also marked the third-largest acquisition of a US company by a foreign concern.

Nelson Bunker Hunt and his brothers Lamar and William, said they plan to appeal a federal jury's decision that they conspired to corner the silver market between 1979 and 1980.

After six days of deliberations, the jury decided to award more than \$130 million to Minpeco SA, a Peruvian government-owned mining company that had sued the Hunts.

Minpeco charged that the Hunt Brothers, two Arab sheikhs, a Lebanese businessman and a brother-in-law of the

Saudi Arabian Crown Prince conspired to hoard silver.

The Hunt Brothers were charged with manipulating silver prices in order to corner the market on the precious metal.

Minpeco claimed in its suit that the Hunts caused the company to lose \$150 million when the value of silver futures contracts fell.

The Federal Home Loan Bank board agreed to provide \$565 million in financial assistance to an investor group led by former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon that intends to merge two California thrifts.

Simon's group, DP Holdings Inc., said it would invest \$207.5 million in the deal to merge the insolvent Bell Savings and Loan Association, of San Mateo, with Western Federal Savings and Loan Association, in Marina Del Rey.

The transaction is the latest in a series of rescue packages put together by the bank board to sell liquidate or merge insolvent thrifts. Most of the deals have been in the ailing oil patch.

## Citicorp sees 15pc growth through '90

NEW YORK: Citicorp's per-share net income should continue its 15 per cent annual growth rate of recent years through 1990, Chairman John S. Reed told securities analysts.

"The company is doing pretty much what we said — we're executing against our existing management plan. I expect our results to continue to be contentedly boring," he said. He offered no specific earnings estimates for the third quarter or the entire year, according to the Wall Street Journal.

For the first six months, Citicorp reported net of \$717 million, or \$2.04 a share. In last year's first half, Citicorp lost \$2.3 billion as a result of a \$3 billion addition to loss reserves for troubled loans to Latin American countries. The loss was narrowed to \$1.1 billion for the full year.

Reed added that the US's biggest banking concern has made significant progress in cutting the

rate of expense growth to 11 per cent from 23 per cent a year earlier. Citicorp's expense growth has been a source of shareholder criticism in the past.

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agerial" reasons: The product fit between the two institutions wasn't good. First Republic Bank has a big middle-market commercial loan business, an area that Citicorp is interested in entering the Texas consumer banking market. First Republic Bank's consumer business wasn't as developed as Citicorp would have liked. Finally, failed institutions require considerable managerial talent, and Citicorp was reluctant to divert managers.

Reed told the analysts that Citicorp probably will bid for First Republic Bank's credit card portfolio.

**Guidelines**  
He said the pending new international capital guidelines for banks will have "no effect on the evolution of the company."

But a recent change in accounting rules for deferred taxes will result in a "significant reduction" of Citicorp's capital base, Reed said. He declined to

estimate the magnitude of the reduction, but bank analysts have estimated that the impact to Citicorp could be about \$300 million. Citicorp has about \$9 billion in common equity. Reed said he expects the change to show up in results in the fourth quarter or in next year's first quarter.

Separately, a US federal appeals court here held that a Citibank subsidiary needs approval from the Federal Reserve Board to sell municipal bond insurance.

The Comptroller of the Currency had authorised the American Municipal Bond Assurance Corp. subsidiary of Citicorp's Citibank to issue such insurance, but the three-judge panel ruled that the comptroller should have sought Fed approval first. The ruling perpetuates the confusion over when banks may sell insurance legally.

## AMF may lend to Egypt, Syria and Iraq

ABU DHABI, Aug. 29. (Reuters): The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) said today it was considering lending 4.6 million Arab accounting dinars (\$18 million) to Egypt and 3.9 million dinars (\$15 million) to Syria.

Officials of the Abu Dhabi-based fund, which groups the 21 members of the Arab League, also told Reuters that a loan of an unspecified sum was being negotiated with Iraq. They gave no other details of the loans.

## Lebanese pound continues to fall

BEIRUT, Aug. 29. (Reuters): The Lebanese pound continued to fall today, closing at 405.00/410.00 to the dollar from 397.00/399 last Thursday, the Central Bank said.

## Despite Bonn's assurances that an adjustment is under way

# W. German trade surplus shows sharp increase

FRANKFURT, Aug. 29: West Germany's trade surplus soared to a record in June on a currency-related surge in exports, bringing the surplus for the first half to a record as well, reports Wall Street Journal.

The Federal Statistics Office said the trade surplus surged 38 per cent in June to 14.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$7.44 billion) from DM10.3 billion (\$5.4 billion) in May and rocketed 71 per cent from a surplus of DM8.3 billion in June 1987.

The latest figures call into question West Germany's contribution to the global trade adjustment process, economists said.

**Surplus**

The data also increase the chance for another record surplus in 1988, despite Bonn's assurances that an adjustment is under way. West Germany's trade surplus in 1987 totalled DM117.5 billion, the highest annual surplus to date.

The June figures boost West Germany's trade surplus in the

first six months of this year to DM59.2 billion, up 6.3 per cent from a surplus of DM55.7 billion in the 1987 first half.

"The June figure is just huge," said Richard Reid, senior European economist for UBS-Phillips & Drew in London. "But it's in line with most projections, which see the bulk of West German economic growth coming from the export side."

The statistics just released didn't include a country-by-country breakdown for trade, which takes longer to process. But economists said the bulk of West Germany's export gains came in Western Europe. Although the nation does less than 10 per cent of its trade with the U.S., West German and U.S. companies often compete in the same foreign markets.

"The problem is that the Deutsche mark has become too competitive against the dollar and other European currencies," said Nigel Rendell, an economist with James Capel Ltd. in London. He said the mark's decline against the dollar also has depressed the

West German unit against other European currencies. West Germany conducts about 60 per cent of its trade with other West European countries.

**Imbalances**

As encouraging as the surpluses are for West Germany's export-dependent industries, the widening trade gap is an embarrassment to Bonn, which repeatedly has assured the US and other important trading partners that its surpluses gradually would be reduced to help level out global trade imbalances.

In the meantime, however, the government's expectations of a more dynamic domestic economy have been eclipsed by a resurgence in exports. Economists now say that much of West Germany's cumulative economic growth rate of as much as 4 per cent in the first half of 1988 was derived from export trade.

"The German desire has been to transfer growth from exports to the domestic economy, but that obviously hasn't hap-

pened," said Sarah Hewin, a European economist for American Express Bank Ltd. in London. In addition, a weaker Deutsche mark has lifted prices for foreign imports, making them less attractive for West German industry.

The net effect is that West German exports are rising faster than imports. Government data showed West Germany's June exports surging 19 per cent to DM50.3 billion from DM42.1 billion in June 1987, outpacing a 6.8 per cent increase in imports to DM36.1 billion from DM33.8 billion. On a month-to-month basis, June exports rose 5.7 per cent from DM47.6 billion in May, compared with a 3.2 per cent decline in imports from DM37.3 billion.

Prospects of this trend to change soon appear dim. Economists widely expect West German domestic demand to slow in 1989 because of a series of planned increases in consumer taxes. Most forecasts call for West Germany's gross national product, the total value of a nation's out-

put of goods and services, to rise by an inflation-adjusted 1.5 per cent in 1989 after an estimated 3 per cent expansion this year.

**Dilemma**  
The Bundesbank, meanwhile, is facing a dilemma while trying to tailor monetary policy to meet the needs of both the domestic and export economies.

Central bank officials often have expressed concern over the weakening Deutsche mark, which they fear raises prospects for inflation. After heavy central bank intervention in currency markets to support the mark showed little effect, many economists expect the Bundesbank to opt for another increase in West German interest rates to make the mark more attractive.

One effect of a rate increase would be the erosion of the newly won attractiveness of West German exports, working to reduce the country's trade surplus. In addition, the Bundesbank could sell another rate rise abroad as a renewed West German effort to honour its commitment to adjusting world trade patterns.

## World Business Summary

# Manpower shortage hits construction

LABOUR shortages are causing serious delays on a growing number of building projects as the construction industry attempts to cope with its biggest workload this decade. The Building Employers Confederation, in its state of trade survey published yesterday says the majority out of 600 contractors questioned expect this year's workload to top last year's performance, according to a London daily. The flow of new inquiries for work is steady or increasing. Just over two thirds of all companies are operating close to capacity while job prospects are rated as encouraging. But around one in seven companies say they are experiencing serious delays because they cannot find enough workers. Others are suffering shortages of material and problems in finding sub-contractors to carry out work. Just over 50 per cent say they are suffering from some delays because of manpower problems, mainly difficulties in finding bricklayers and carpenters, 51 per cent from a lack of materials and 41 per cent from non-availability of sub-contractors. The manpower shortages are most acute in London, the South-East and South-West but are also growing in Yorkshire and the Midlands. The South-West is hardest hit by the lack of sub-contractors. The shortages of men and materials is causing increasing concern both locally and nationally and is pushing up costs as well as quotations. John Parsons, chairman of the confederation's economic and public affairs group, says that while "comparatively few firms are suffering serious delays" the shortages "must be monitored carefully in the months ahead." The confederation's findings add further weight to forecasts that the buoyancy in the industry will continue through into 1989 as work accelerates on some of the projects with a long timescale, notably the Channel Tunnel and new London office projects.

# Seoul's trade surplus with America shrinks

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 29. (AP): South Korea's trade surplus with the United States in the first seven months of 1988 shrank to \$4.66 billion, down 15.7 per cent from 5.53 billion in 1987, the Korea Foreign Trade Association reported today. Korean merchandise exports to the United States between January and July rose 10.8 per cent to \$11.39 billion from the same period last year, while imports from America shot up 41.5 per cent to \$6.73 billion, the report said. Korean exports to the United States were led by electronics, which rose 17 per cent in the first seven months of this year, and textiles, which rose 4 per cent. Korea's trade deficit with Japan during January-July narrowed to \$2.49 billion, a decrease of 30.7 per cent from the same period last year. Korean exports to Japan jumped 52.2 per cent to \$6.33 billion, while imports from Japan increased 13.8 per cent to 8.82 billion. The trade picture partly reflected Korea's policy calling for the correction by shifting some imports away from Japan to the United States. The growth rate of Korean exports to the United States has slowed in recent months due to revaluation of the won against the US dollar under American pressure to reduce Korea's trade surplus, along with increased US import curbs, the officials said. Exports to Japan recently have been on a sharp rise, helped by a strong Japanese yen, which makes Korean goods more competitive.

# China to curb local tax breaks for foreign investors

BEIJING, Aug. 29. (AP): Chinese tax authorities say they will crack down on local government giving unauthorised tax breaks to lure foreign investors, an official daily reported today. The China Daily quoted Wang Xuanhui, an official of the State Taxation Bureau, as saying local governments will be required to observe nationally set tax laws. Some local governments, the report said, "are acting presumptuously to set up or expand economic and technology development zones and granting factories tax exemptions and reductions, without approval from the central government." It quoted Wang as saying the random tax breaks are discouraging rather than encouraging foreign investors, who are confused about tax policies and afraid that local authorities will later arbitrarily raise tax rates. The Beijing government is promoting a policy of turning China's eastern seaboard into a vast economic zone for foreign-invested, export-oriented industries. The policy has led to fierce competition among various regions for foreign capital, with many regions trying to outdo their neighbours in offering preferential treatment for foreign investors. The daily said national tax policies have already made China one of the lowest tax-paying countries for foreign investors. Most Sino-foreign equity joint ventures are exempt from income tax in the first and second profit-making years and allowed a 50 per cent reduction between the third and fifth years. Income taxes during the first 10 profit-making years average 9.75 per cent, with lower rates for those enterprises specialising in exports or introducing high technology, the report said.

# Pakistan promotes private sector energy development

PAKISTAN is encouraging the private sector to produce several forms of energy for domestic use with the aim of reducing the country's dependence on imported oil and gas through a project supported by a \$150 million World Bank loan. The project marks the first time the private sector will have an opportunity to participate in energy production in Pakistan under the government's new "build-own-operate and transfer" scheme, under which investors build and operate power-generation facilities throughout the project implementation period, although ownership may change later. Before private producers can gain access to financing under the new fund, they must prove they can produce energy at a cost lower than the production cost of the country's public energy enterprises. The \$1.9 billion project, of which \$1.4 billion will be financed by the private sector, will introduce "modernised technology" that would use low-quality domestic coal in power generation, and modern coal-mining and oil-gas production techniques. The project is expected to result in an extra 2,300 megawatts of power generation capacity, and the production of 132 million cubic feet a day of natural gas and 2 million tons of coal by the year 1993. The project will be cofinanced by the US Agency for International Development and the Export-Import Bank of Japan, with each providing \$150 million. Additional cofinancing will come from British, Canadian and Italian aid agencies, each contributing \$50 million.

# Oil security plans to be reviewed

JAKARTA, Aug. 29. (OPECNA): The six member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will start a three-day meeting here today to review their oil security agreement, according to a spokesman of Pertamina, Indonesia's national oil company. The spokesman was quoted by Reuters news agency as saying that the talks would be held at the ASEAN secretariat. The countries, said the source, would evaluate implementation of the ASEAN petroleum security agreement, which was signed in Manila in June 1986, and discuss the distribution of crude in case of emergency. Member country officials from Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines, will define what constitutes an emergency, draw up an action plan, lay guidelines for stocks to be held and discuss supply and export commitments.

Training will also be given in emergency procedures to be followed when one ASEAN country needs to help supply crude to a fellow member in need, said the report. Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei export oil, while Singapore is a major refining centre.



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Government under pressure from a wide range of critics to do something about the naira

## Nigerian leaders warn banks on high profits, abuses

Lagos, Aug. 29. (Reuters). Nigerian banks, which are making record profits despite a biting recession, have suddenly come under heavy fire from the country's military leaders.

They stand accused of widespread cheating and undermining the naira, the battered national currency.

"Bank-bashing is the new game in town," commented a foreign exchange dealer at one of the booming merchant banks.

The top two members of the military regime launched separate attacks in the past week on the banking sector which has emerged as the main beneficiary of harsh economic reforms.

**Rules**  
"All speculative elements, market abuse and banking malpractices will be ruthlessly penalised," the president, General Ibrahim Babangida, warned on Saturday. He announced the imminent tightening of rules governing the fortnightly Central Bank auctions which began in 1986.

Babangida's number two, Vice-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu, told banks last week not to sacrifice the nation for profit.

"It becomes embarrassing when banks which are supposed to be catalysts in the development process... have now become a problem in the

government," Aikhomu said.

The number of banks dealing in foreign exchange has risen to 53 and a stack of applications for new licences are pending. A glance at balance sheets for 1987 explains why.

Some banks doubled their 1986 turnover and profit figures. One, Nigerian International Bank Limited, confirmed its reputation as a high-flyer by tripling its after-tax profit from 19 million naira in 1986 to 58 million in 1987.

Salaries have risen accordingly and bankers are now by far the best-paid Nigerian employees.

One small merchant bank which had lagged behind its rivals awarded a 150 per cent increase to all its staff this year, from managers to drivers.

Bankers argue that their success is due to the rapid deregulation of the economy under Nigeria's structural adjustment programme. Their role has expanded as government's has shrunk.

**Abuses**  
But Babangida and his top aides have in several speeches cited reports of widespread abuses and blatant fraud.

These include allegations of taking more than the agreed one per cent commission on foreign exchange deals, failing to ensure exporters repatriate their earnings and — most seriously — round-tripping.

That can mean buying hard currency at the Central Bank auction, where the naira is artificially strong at 4.5 to the dollar, and illegally selling the funds for a huge profit at the small interbank market run by the banks themselves.

The dollar is selling for 7.25 naira at interbank.

**Offence**  
"If round-tripping exists, and I do not say it does, we should regard it as a very serious offence," one banker commented privately.

He said moves were afoot among banks to establish their own code of conduct with sanctions to prevent abuses.

But the government is under pressure from a wide range of critics to do something about the naira. It was looking to a dollar three years ago, compared with 22 cents today at the Central Bank and a mere 14 cents at inter-bank.

This has badly bruised the national ego, quite apart from hitting living standards and Nigeria's import-dependent industries.

At a seminar on Saturday Aikhomu heard academics and economists cheer when a return to a fixed rate for the naira was advocated.

Such a move would run absolutely counter to the present reforms. The same system in the past failed com-

pletely, aiding corrupt allocation but officials of the limited dollars available and fuelling a massive black market which has disappeared since the naira was floated.

**Value**  
Supporters of the reforms say the naira's value has to reflect the country's earnings which have suffered dramatically with the fall in oil prices.

Nigeria might just earn \$7 billion this year, a third of the 1980 total.

But Babangida is clearly worried by the interbank rate, which some dealers fear will hit 10 naira to the dollar soon.

"Talking as a layman, an ordinary man who has no idea about what the economy is all about, I was looking to see a situation where the exchange rate will be 3.50 to four naira to the dollar," he told the local magazine Newswatch in an interview published today.

One solution he mentioned in a speech to the nation on Saturday marking his third year in office was to eventually scrap the auction system and have the Central Bank join the inter-bank market.

Bankers broadly favour the plan to create a single market but they point out that the Central Bank would need substantial buffer funds to inspire confidence in its ability to intervene over a long term.

## Iran to export 6m tons of oil to Turkey in '89

ANKARA, Aug. 29. (OPECNA). Iran is to export six million tons of crude oil to Turkey next year under new trade protocols signed here at the end of three days of bilateral energy talks.

The two draft protocols were signed by Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh and Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Fahrettin Kurt accompanied by Minister of State for Oil Affairs Kazim Okuy.

In addition to the supply of crude oil, the accords cover proposals to construct two pipelines together with joint investment in a power plant and petrochemical industries.

The Iranian minister told reporters just before his departure for Iran that

the outcome of his talks with Turkish officials had been "excellent and fruitful."

**Needs**  
He noted that the crude to be exported in Turkey next year could increase or decrease by 15 per cent, depending on the country's needs. Iran would also meet Turkey's requirements for sulphur and sulphuric acid.

In return, Iran would import 1,000 tons of kerosene and the same amount of petrol daily from Turkey during 1989, in addition to some petrochemical products, he said.

Concerning the proposed pipeline from Iran's oilfields to the Turkish coast, Aghazadeh said that an international company was to plot its route

and evaluate costs.

The minister also spoke of his 'fruitful' discussions with Turkish officials on the construction of a second pipeline through Turkey to transport Iranian gas to European markets.

He pointed out that a joint commission between the two countries would be set up shortly to study mutual co-operation in the marketing of Iranian gas in Europe.

**Exploration**  
Iran was also interested in chartering four drilling rigs from Turkey for exploration purposes, he said. Experts from the two countries were to discuss the technical specifications.

Aghazadeh said that experts from

Iran and Turkey would also discuss details of the proposed construction of a gas-fuelled power plant to be situated in eastern Turkey.

Referring to the countries' joint investment in electricity generation, the Iranian minister stressed that it would be a "great breakthrough" for the region if they could persuade neighbouring Pakistan to join the scheme.

During his visit, Aghazadeh inspected Turkey's Izmir refinery and petrochemical complex in the west of the country.

The plant, which produces 400,000 tons of ethylene annually, recorded earnings of \$1 billion last year, exporting to countries such as Iran, China, Britain and the United States.

## Iraq plans to expand its export

## Ceasefire could bring fresh surge in oil productions

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug. 29. (AP). With a ceasefire in place, Iran and Iraq can turn to rebuilding their war-damaged oil industries.

But what will that mean for oil prices?

Some analysts say restoration of the oil industry in the two countries could bring a fresh surge in production and a fall in crude prices.

Others argue, however, that the newly enacted truce will help bring an end to squabbles within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, enabling the oil organisation to strengthen its grip on world markets by holding down production when necessary.

**Target**  
"If OPEC is politically stronger than it was during the war, then its capacity for controlling oil prices will be stronger also," said Pierre Terzian, editor of the Paris-based oil publication Petrosstrategies.

Terzian predicted prices would firm in the coming months to around \$16 to \$18 a barrel. OPEC's target price is \$18 a barrel, but prices on the spot market have been running \$3 to \$4 lower. Some other besides Iraq have also been exceeding their quotas, either to help

Iraq in the Gulf war or for other reasons.

But London oil consultant Paul McDonald looks for prices to slide after the ceasefire in a market already awash in crude.

"The pressure is going to be on Iraq and Iraq to produce more oil because they need more money," he said.

"A ceasefire means increased oil production," adds Peter Gignoux, director of the International Energy Department at the Shearson Lehman Hutton Brokerage in London.

Iraq already plans to expand its export capacity with a new pipeline through Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea.

**Quota**  
"They're planning to export more oil," McDonald said. "They're not building the... pipeline for fun."

A key to controlling any increased production, analysts said, is OPEC's ability to bring Iraq back into the fold of the 13-nation organisation.

Iraq has in the past ignored its OPEC production quota of 1.54 million barrels a day, demanding a share equal to Iran's quota of 2.37 million barrels a day. It has been actually pumping even more than Iran's quota level, lifting 2.6 million to 2.85 million barrels a day in July, according to analysts.

There's no longer any obstacle for Iraq to get back in the quota system," said Terzian.

Nick Anelli, oil analyst with the London brokerage, County Natwest, said, "If Iraq can be reintegrated on quota parity with Iran, there's no real reason why prices can't be manipulated up" to OPEC's \$18-a-barrel target.

The eight-year Gulf war caused widespread damage to the two countries' oil industries.

Petro-Logistics, a Geneva-based oil consulting firm, estimated in its Gulf and Near East trends report that war damage to Iraq's oil facilities has amounted to \$8.5 billion and destruction to Iran's operations, \$25 billion.

**Climb**  
Terzian's Petrostrategies calculated: "The cost of oil and gas installations destroyed (is) some \$12 billion to \$18 billion for Iraq, and \$28 billion to \$35 billion for Iran. The Iranian refining sector has suffered losses of at least \$6 billion."

Both countries are turning out oil well under their pre-war highs of about six million barrels a day for Iran in 1974

and 3.5 million barrels a day for Iraq in 1979.

Petro-Logistics estimate Iran could boost production to 3.2 million barrels a day in 1989 and to 4.2 million barrels in 1990. Iraq's output could climb to 3.2 million barrels a day by 1989 and 5 million barrels in 1993, it said.

During the war, Iraq, aided by money from its Gulf neighbours, built pipelines through Saudi Arabia and Turkey to carry its export oil to the Mediterranean, bypassing war-ravaged facilities on the Gulf.

"Iran is likely to face a much tougher task than Iraq in boosting its post-war output and production capacity," said Petro-Logistics.

"Some major onshore fields have been irreparably damaged over the past 10 years due to neglect and war damage," it said.

"They've probably lost billions of barrels of reserves," said McDonald.

Kharg Island, Iran's key tanker terminal in the Gulf, was badly pounded by Iraq's powerful air force, as were refining facilities and oilfields.

Indeed, Iran, which once exported refined oil products, was forced to turn to other countries to meet its internal demand.

## Free trade treaty with US could be death knell for Canada

OTTAWA, Aug. 29. (UPI). The US-Canada free trade treaty, on which Prime Minister Brian Mulroney originally pinned his hopes for re-election, could become the final nail in the coffin of his Conservative government.

The Conservative-controlled House of Commons is scheduled to approve legislation to implement the historic accord today or tomorrow, but then progress will grind to a halt in the Senate, held hostage by the unpopular government's reluctance to call a general election.

The Liberal Party, which dominates the Senate, demands that a vote be preceded by an election to give Canadians a say on the pact that would bind the world's largest trading partnership even more closely together.

The treaty has not gained popularity in Canada and has virtually been

ignored in the United States in the heat of election-year politics.

Mulroney has only talked about the possibility for an election next spring, just months before the July deadline for going to the polls.

Canada and the United States, each other's largest trade partner, exchanged more than \$160 billion in goods and services last year, about 75 per cent of it free of tariffs which have been removed over the last decade.

**Agreement**  
Removal of remaining tariffs, used to protect less competitive industries from foreign competition, would have a greater impact in Canada, since Ottawa's duties are two to three times the level of those imposed in Washington.

Even so, the Conservatives believe the free trade agreement would give Canadian firms more secure access to

the United States market and ultimately create hundreds of thousands of new jobs for Canadian and millions of dollars of new investment in Canada by American companies.

**Spending**  
Opposition politicians argue the treaty would force an economic union between the two countries, raising the traditional argument that Canada would be unable to control its own destiny.

They also say the treaty could endanger Canada's social programmes, such as universal medical care and unemployment insurance, which provide better benefits than in the United States. American officials regard them as a form of government subsidy, giving Canadian firms an unfair competitive advantage.

Despite spending more than \$10 million on two separate advertising campaigns, the Conservatives have been unable to convince the majority of Canadians of the merits of the treaty.

One recent poll found that only 38 per cent of Canadians supported the agreement. 40 per cent were opposed and 22 per cent were undecided, according to another poll, 58 per cent of Canadians want an election linked to the treaty issue.

The agreement has dominated much of Canada's political agenda for the past two years as politicians, and private Canadians argued passionately over the consequences of a closer relationship with the United States and whether a greater influx of American goods and services plus easier rules for foreign takeovers would erode Canada's national identity.

## Bahrain banks plunge into the red

MANAMA, Aug. 29. (KUNA). Bahrain's top four banks incurred 64 million dollars in losses in 1987 and the island country's general budget went into the red in the same fiscal year.

It was the first time since their establishment that the major Bahraini banks suffered such a loss which eroded up to 13 per cent of shareholders' stocks, according to the Manama-based Gulf News Agency.

The same banks — The Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, Al Ahli Commercial Bank, The National Bank of Bahrain and the Bahraini-Saudi Bank — had grossed together about \$28 million in profit in 1985, the agency said.

In 1986 those profits dropped to about \$15 million and the plunge continued taking the four banks into losses the year after, it

added.

The agency quoted an unnamed credit analyst as attributing the downward trend to the lack of creditors other than banks and the consequent emergence of the bad debt problem.

Those difficulties, coupled with sluggish economic activity at home, forced the four banks to use their annual profits to cover the bad debts, the analyst said.

A drop in interest rates, among other things, slashed accrued interests from 31 million Bahraini dinars in 1985 to 24 million Bahraini dinars in 1986, he added. A Bahraini dinar is roughly valued at \$2.6.

Meanwhile, the agency quoted the governor of the Bahrain Monetary Agency, Abdulla Hassan Youssef, as saying the state's general budget had a deficit of five million dinars last year.

## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	315.8	324.3	306.2	278.4
AUSTRIA	222.0	222.1	208.9	203.8
BELGIUM	378.1	380.5	379.3	365.7
CANADA	354.7	356.2	359.7	375.1
FRANCE	428.6	431.9	435.2	436.4
GERMANY	358.5	360.3	365.7	370.5
HONG KONG	180.0	181.1	180.8	176.9
FINLAND	180.9	185.9	186.3	194.5
ITALY	417.7	420.0	422.9	404.7
JAPAN	1272.2	1284.2	1281.1	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	254.3	253.5	258.8	253.4
NEW ZEALAND	98.7	100.0	99.1	96.1
HONGARY	458.8	456.7	467.6	498.9
SPAIN	594.5	609.8	608.6	633.7
SWEDEN	255.7	257.6	257.9	268.6
SWITZERLAND	903.9	915.4	915.4	917.0
U.K.	535.0	550.4	549.7	556.5
U.S.A.	239.4	240.6	237.0	251.9
WORLD	435.3	437.3	437.6	446.8
E.A.F.E.	819.4	823.8	823.8	829.3

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	29/4	29/4
ATLANTIC R	81/3	81/3
AAR CORP	0	25/3
ABBOTT LAB	45/7	45/7
ACME CLVLD	0	9/5
ADV MICRO	11/5	11/5
AEROFIL LAB	0	7/3
AETNA LIFE	47/5	47/5
ARMANSON	14/7	14/7
AIR PR-CHM	41/0	40/6
ALASKA AIR	19/2	19/1
ALBERTSONS	34/2	34/2
ALBMA 8-16	0	82/0
ALCAN ALUM	30/4	30/4
ALCO STAND	24/4	24/6
AM CYANAMID	46/3	45/6
AM ELET PV	27/1	27/0
AM HOM PRO	75/7	75/6
AM HOM PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STAND	0	77/6
AM STORES	49/1	49/1
AM TEL-TEL	25/0	25/0
AMOCO CORP	75/1	74/7
AMP INC	42/3	42/2
AMPO PITT	12/4	12/3
ANDERSON	42/6	42/4
ANR CORP	33/5	33/5
ANR CORP	26/4	26/4
ANTHEM ELE	11/3	11/3
APACHE CP	7/3	7/4
APACHE PET	2/3	2/4
ARMSTRONG	30/3	32/7
ASHLAND OIL	34/6	34/3
ASIA PACIFIC	6/1	6/1
ATLS CORP	35/2	35/0
AVERT INT	20/6	21/0
AVNET INC	19/6	20/0
AVON PRODS	23/3	23/5
BCE INC	29/6	29/5
BELLSOUTH	39/2	39/1
BELO CP	26/2	26/1
BETH STEEL	20/6	20/6
BEVERLY	5/5	5/6
BANK BOSTON	27/5	27/3
BANK BOSTN-A	0	46/1
BANK N-YORK	36/0	36/0
BANK TR-NY	37/5	37/4
BANKAMERICA	13/7	13/7
BANKAM SPEC	6/6	6/6
BOEING CO	59/2	59/0
BOISE CASC	41/7	41/6
BND IN GLD	0	10/3
BORDEN	52/2	52/0
BOKATER	30/4	30/5
BR TELECOM	39/2	39/2
BRIGGS-STR	29/1	29/0
BRIET-WYER	42/0	42/0
BRUNSWICK	19/4	19/4
BURBURY CP	16/7	16/7
C 3 INC	11/7	12/0
CABOT CORP	39/1	39/3
CAESARS UD	25/2	25/4
CA FREIGHT	21/2	21/2
CAS NAT GS	0	14/3
CAT-DOCKE	25/1	25/1
CATERPI TR	57/0	56/4
CBI IND	28/4	28/4
CBS	159/7	159/5
CENTEL CP	41/3	41/1
CHAMP INTL	31/5	31/6
CHAMP SPA	12/0	12/0
CHARTER CO	0	3/7
CHASE MAN	28/0	27/7
CHENIER CP	30/0	30/0
CHENIER INC	31/6	31/6
CHRYSLER	44/5	44/2
CHRYSLER	22/4	22/3
CHRYSLER	54/5	54/5
CHRYSLER	6/2	6/2
CIGNA CORP	49/0	49/0
CIGNA CORP	22/0	22/0
CIR CIT ST	22/0	22/0
CIRCLE K	15/0	15/0
CITICORP	23/4	23/4
CLARK EQUI	29/4	29/1
CLOROX	30/7	30/6
COMBIL RES	1/0	1/1
COMBIL RES	26/6	26/7
CAN PAC	17/1	17/1
COACHMEN	0	10/2
COASTAL	33/7	33/5
COCA-COLA	39/6	39/5
COLECO	2/0	2/0
COLEMAN CO	36/5	36/4
COLG-PALUM	42/0	41/7
COLUM GAS	34/1	34/1
COLUMBUS-C	0	112/4
CON EDISON	29/6	29/5
CONAGRA	31/1	31/2
CON EDISON	43/1	43/0
CON INVENTA	39/0	39/0
COR CIT LIL	40/3	40/3
CONTEL CP	35/3	35/2
CONTEL DATA	21/5	21/6
COOPER T-R	19/7	19/7
COOPER CORP	9/7	9/7
CORNING GL	56/5	56/5
CRANE	29/0	29/0
CRAY RES	78/5	78/6
CULLINET	6/0	6/0
DANIEL IND	9/2	9/2
DATA GEN	17/4	17/3
DAYPOINT	4/6	4/6
DAYTON IND	37/0	37/0
DEERE CO	96/1	93/4
DELTA AIR	47/4	47



## Agreement could lift disputes out of political arena

## US, Japan begin to explore free trade pact

TOKYO, Aug. 28, (Reuters): The United States and Japan have begun to explore the possibility of a free-trade pact that would guide their economic relations into the next century.

While an agreement, if any, is still years away, officials from both sides said the effort to map out the future could prove useful in avoiding the pitfalls of the past.

## Investigation

"We ought to get away from this nickel and dime way of conducting trade negotiations on one issue or a group of issues," US Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield said.

That approach has only spawned resentment on both sides and

has thus far done little to reduce the yawning trade gap between the two countries, analysts said.

The US International Trade Commission, acting at the behest of the Senate Finance Committee headed by Democratic vice-presidential hopeful Lloyd Bentsen, recently launched a formal investigation into the issue.

## Positive

In Japan, at least four government ministries have begun to look into the question of a pact that would abolish trade barriers between the two nations. The foreign ministry is hopeful of leading a government-wide study later this year.

The ministry launched its own investigation after US Senate majority leader Robert Byrd

raised the issue with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in January.

An interim report completed this summer adopted a positive attitude toward the idea of a free trade pact, officials said.

"Friction-driven relations aren't very healthy," a foreign ministry official said. "It may be the right time for a more constructive, more positive relationship built from a longer-range perspective."

## Agreement

A free trade pact could lift disputes out of the political arena and establish a formal mechanism to deal with them.

But that does not mean Japan is without some misgivings about entering into a free trade pact

with the United States.

For one thing, officials here point to the big differences in culture and philosophy between the two nations.

For another, some Japanese officials cannot understand what Washington hopes to gain from a free trade agreement.

"Why do they want to push this idea?" asked Ichiro Surukawa, a director at the Economic Planning Agency (EPA). "If most of the trade barriers were abolished between Japan and the United States, Japan would benefit more."

He ticked off a list of products where Japan is limiting exports to America — from machine tools to automobiles.

But Washington may have

something to gain in the area of agriculture and financial services. "That may be the meat in the juice for the United States," said one Japanese official.

## Pact

Some officials here also suspect Washington wants to use the threat of a bilateral pact to win concessions from Europe, from Asia's newly industrialising economies, and from other nations participating in the multilateral Uruguay trade talks.

Tokyo would be happy if talk of a pact with Washington deterred the European Economic Community (EEC) from becoming more protectionist after it becomes fully integrated in 1992.

## Australian budget forecast makes economists nervous

## Economy poised for another rosy year

SYDNEY, Aug. 28, (Reuters): Paul Keating's latest budget is any guide, Australia's economy is headed for another rosy year, according to reports.

But while the treasurer said the economy will grow 3.5 per cent in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1989 — about the same as the previous year — some observers said his budget relies on optimistic projections that could signal an overheating economy.

He reiterated his forecast for inflation to fall to 4.5 per cent in the next 12 months and said it could slip to 3.4 per cent in 1990. Inflation ended the last fiscal year at 7.1 per cent.

Keating capped his budget with news that a projected record budget surplus for the current year of A\$5.47 billion (US\$4.47 billion) will enable Australia to chip away at its huge foreign debt.

The budget was in surplus by A\$2.04 billion in the year just ended, compared with a deficit of

A\$2.72 billion the prior year. "Unquestionably, a dramatically better state of affairs now exists than when I warned in 1986 of the threat of Australia degenerating to the status of a banana republic," he said.

## Surplus

The projected budget surplus was in line with expectations, and reaction was muted. The Australian dollar had moved before the budget news, though it later strengthened in London. Economists said the budget will be a boost for the currency in the longer term.

Analysts said the budget likely will buoy Australian bonds at home and abroad. And while Australian stocks slipped ahead of the evening statement, analysts said the budget will benefit equities.

But some economists said Keating may be overly optimistic. "It's a risky economic policy to assume the world environment will be as friendly to Australia" in the current year as it

was in the one just ended, said Warren Bird, chief economist of Lloyds Bank NZA Ltd. Bird and others said they worry that the latest budget strategy depends too much on strong commodity prices for Australian exports such as wool, beef and metals, which buoyed the economy last year.

## Prices

Figures for last year show that while export prices have been growing faster than prices of imports, the reverse has been true in volume terms. That trend is "flashing yellow," said Andrew Mohl, of Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.

The budget forecasts that the trend will continue, but if commodities soften the budget could unravel, economists said.

The budget forecast makes several economists nervous. Andre Morony, chief economist at Bankers Trust Australia Ltd., said the country "is running a big risk by allowing the economy to grow so strongly." Domestic

demand, as forecast in the budget, could push inflation above Keating's target of 4.5 per cent.

Strong domestic demand also could cause an import surge, widening the current-account deficit, which Keating forecast will shrink to A\$9.5 billion, or 3 per cent of gross domestic product, from A\$11.9 billion, or 4.1 per cent of GDP, in the last fiscal year. (The current account measures the net balance in trade of goods and services and certain fund transfers. GDP is the output of goods and services, minus foreign income.) Widening of the current-account deficit would worsen Australia's foreign debt.

Government and private borrowers owe US\$93 billion to creditors abroad. The government repaid A\$1.6 billion of foreign debt last year and plans to repay another A\$3 billion this fiscal year. But with the current-account deficit projected at A\$9.5 billion, foreign debt is likely to exceed US\$100 billion this year.

## Kuwait dinar deposits display easier tone

KUWAIT dinar interbank deposits displayed an easier tone yesterday in a liquid market but trade remained thin amid slack demand typical during the European weekend.

Some dealers reported trade in one-month deposits and in government Treasury bills on the secondary market, but they said there was no significant activity.

Short-term funds remained well-offered, with offers for overnight and tomorrow-next declining to 1/2 per cent from one per cent on Saturday. Spot-next was indicated at two, one per cent more.

An influx of funds from end-of-month salary payments and a wave of dollar selling against the Kuwaiti currency has helped exert downward pressure on rates during the past week.

One-month deposits eased 1/8 point to 6-1/8, 5-7/8 per cent while three and six-months were little changed at six, 6-1/4 per cent and 6-3/8, 1/8 per cent respectively.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged as usual on Sunday at 0.28465/75 to the dollar. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.28474/78.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits were steady yesterday in a very dull market due to the European weekend and a bank holiday on Monday in London, a major offshore centre.

Dealers said rates were not affected by a fortnightly issue of 1.5 billion riyals (\$400 million) worth of Saudi government bonds, announced on Saturday and due to settlement on September 5. Banks must submit bids for the one to five-year maturities by Monday. One-week funds were indicated unchanged at 8-1/2, eight per cent. One to six-months were little changed at 8-5/8, 7/16 per cent, 8-7/8, 3/4 per cent and 9-1/4, 1/8 per cent respectively.

The spot riyal firmed to 3.7495/7500 to the dollar from quotes of 3.7498/7503 on Saturday.

The official Syrian News Agency SANA quoted Oza as saying that industrial and economic relations between the two countries had grown over the past two years.

## Plan to open stock exchange

BAHRAIN, Aug. 28, (Reuters): Oman's first stock exchange will open by end of January, Commerce and Industry Minister Salem Bin Abdullah Al Ghazali said yesterday.

He told the Oman News Agency that it should stimulate trade and economic development in the sultanate.

## Economic talks

DAMASCUS, Aug. 28, (Reuters): Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammed Imadi held talks today with Turkish Minister of State Yusuf Ozal on bilateral relations.

The official Syrian News Agency SANA quoted Oza as saying that industrial and economic relations between the two countries had grown over the past two years.

## Jordan, Iraq to resolve trade crisis

AMMAN, Aug. 28, (Reuters): Jordan and Iraq have reached initial agreement on resolving a trade crisis involving letters of credit worth almost \$100 million, Jordanian Trade Ministry Secretary-General Mohammad Al Saqqaf said yesterday.

He was speaking after three days of talks with Iraqi Foreign Trade Ministry Undersecretary Qasim Abdullatif on an excess of letters of credit opened by Baghdad for Jordanian exporters.

## Talks

"We have reached an agreement in principle on solving this problem... the Iraqis have promised us to honour all credits to Jordanian industrialists by the end of next month," Saqqaf told Reuters.

The two countries have now held three sessions of talks since the problem emerged about four months ago. Around 160 Jordanian companies were involved.

Under a protocol aimed at easing trade with cash-strapped Iraq, Jordan's Central Bank agreed in 1983 to reimburse local exporters for goods sent to Baghdad, which paid for them partly in crude oil.

But officials said letters of credit, drawn on Iraq's state-owned Rafidain Bank, were opened for goods worth \$400 to \$500 million in the first quarter of 1988, far above the year's quota of \$185 million.

The flood began after Baghdad relaxed controls on private sector imports in December, they said.

The excess was put at \$98 million after the Trade Ministry, Central Bank and Chamber of Industry sifted through the letters and found that many of the exporters did not meet official

financial standards. Saqqaf said Jordan and Iraq also agreed on how to implement their 1988 trade protocol, which envisages bilateral trade worth \$900 million equally between the two countries.

They hoped to raise the volume of trade next year through further co-operation between the Jordanian and Iraqi private sectors, he said.

Iraq is a key market for the recession-hit economy of Jordan, which staunchly supported Baghdad in its war with Iran. Jordan now hopes that an end to the war will help to revive its economy.

Trade Minister Hamdi Al Tabaa told Reuters last week that peace between Iraq and Iran would increase Iraqi investment in Jordan, reduce Jordan's unemployment rates and invigorate the contracting and banking sectors.

## Fed's move will fail to lower inflation, say economists

## US economic expansion faces critical test

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28, (Reuters): America's almost six-year-old economic expansion faces a critical test in the run-up to the November presidential elections as upward pressure on interest rates continues worldwide, private economists say.

Most economists believe the rise in US interest rates that triggered a global round of similar increases was needed to slow the booming US economy and bring down the inflation rate.

But the danger, some economists say, is that a slight miscalculation could cause far-reaching damage.

"The period ahead could be difficult," said Zaboro Sofianou, an economist with the Boston Company, an economic forecasting firm. "Countries seem to have an acceptance threshold ratio for inflation and a lot of them are reaching it."

## Expansion

The current economic expansion is the pride of the Reagan White House and Republican presidential candidate George Bush is telling voters he is best suited to continue the economic prosperity.

But the Republican candidate faces the prospect of interest rates continuing to rise.

The Federal Reserve Board, continuing to label inflation as the greatest risk to overall economic health, raised the key discount rate on August 9 to 6.5 per cent from six per cent.

## Moves

The move showed Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan is willing to press strong economic measures during a presidential year. But many economists believe the Fed's move will fail to lower inflation and interest rates will continue to rise.

The consumer price index, the most widely used measure of

inflation, has so far risen this year at a 4.5 per cent annual rate, compared to a 4.4 per cent rise in 1987.

Trying to fine-tune an economy is usually hazardous and some economists believe that monetary moves following the October 19 stock market crash set the stage for the present rise in inflation.

"Everyone erred following October 19," said Georgia State University economist Donald Ratajczak.

He said the Fed eased the credit supply following the crash in the belief that consumption would be sharply curtailed and the United States would be

thrown into a recession or even a depression.

"It didn't happen and we're feeling the impact now," he said, adding "now they're trying to reverse that impact, it's stop and go and it's dangerous."

## Experts

Many experts believe a public disagreement between the United States and West Germany helped trigger fears of an interest rate battle before the October 19 Wall Street debacle that saw the Dow Jones industrial average plummet 508 points.

For Reagan administration policy makers, the current situation is nerve-racking.

They are hoping to get through the next two and a half months without an economic calamity which would prevent Vice-President Bush from being elected to the White House.

"They are wholly focused on avoiding any disruption before the election," said Fred Bergsten of the Institute for International Economics.

## Action

He said other economies were going along with this on the grounds that the Reagan administration is in no position to take forceful action and without US leadership it would be difficult to accomplish any major new coordinated measures.



The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Dr Subroto, visited the headquarters of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) yesterday. He was accompanied by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources of Indonesia and the Indonesian ambassador to Kuwait. Subroto discussed co-operation between the two organisations. Dr Subroto, fifth from left, pictured with OAPEC representatives and other officials.

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.110	95000	8
GULF BANK	0.450	0.445	0.450	0.445	630000	26
COMMERCIAL BK	0.335	0.330	0.335	0.330	950000	33
ABLI BANK	0.405	0.400	0.405	0.400	1600000	48
B.K.N.E	0.410	0.410	0.410	0.405	500000	11
K.R.E.B.	0.420	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAM BANK	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.325	810000	31
K.F.HOUSE	0.530	0.540	0.540	0.530	200000	12

INVESTMENT SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KUT INV. CO.	0.176	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.174	---	---	---	---	---
CON.FACILITIES	0.500	---	---	---	---	---
ABLI INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	120000	2
INV. PEARL KUT	0.110	0.108	0.110	0.108	1320000	17

INSURANCE SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KUT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	0.380	0.380	0.380	70000	2
ABLI INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
HABRA INS. CO.	0.455	---	---	---	---	---

REAL EST SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.248	0.244	0.246	0.244	40000	2
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.114	---	---	---	---	---
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.214	0.216	0.216	0.216	20000	1
SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.092	1240000	12
KUT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NAT IND. CO.	0.560	---	---	---	---	---
KUT N.P. IND.	0.335	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.225	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.415	0.415	0.415	0.415	130000	4
N.A.N.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.080	1.080	1.090	1.080	20000	4
K.PH.IND. CO.	0.212	---	---	---	---	---
CON.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.SH.REP.CO.	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.047	80000	1

SERVICES SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
OVERLAND TRANS	0.090	0.089	0.089	0.089	80000	1
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.176	0.172	0.176	0.172	240000	7
CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	160000	2
MOBILE TELE.	0.385	0.390	0.390	0.380	260000	10
KUT COMPUTER	0.182	0.184	0.184	0.182	80000	2

FOOD SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.232	---	---	---	---	---
UNTO FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNTO POULTRY	0.226	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.325	0.315	0.315	0.315	60000	2
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---

NON-KUT SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
BIN.INTER.BK	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	200000	3
BIN.N.EAST.BK	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.050	120000	2
UNTO GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	2050000	19
A.G.IV.CORP	0.036	0.035	0.035	0.035	1760000	8
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.B.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS.	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
GULF MEDICAL	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	80000	1
C.R.K.WHITE CHMT	0.022	---	---	---	---	---
D-AMJAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
F-AMJAN CEMENT	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	400000	1
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
H-UM QATWAIN	0.021	---	---	---	---	---

13	Marsk Astro	Behbehani	2412085
14	Samuel Francis	GHQ	4747815
16	Adriatic Universal	GHQ	4747815
17	White Jasmin	Al Bader	2433537
19	Kaneshima	Al Bader	2433537
21	Alyasrah	L. Stock	2434177



## BUSINESS

## Gold eases

## Dollar recovers and shares mixed

LONDON, Aug 29, (Reuters): The dollar, pushed down late last week by concerted European and US central bank intervention, recovered slightly in Europe today, but trading was dull with the key London financial markets shut for a bank holiday.

Dealers said transatlantic demand when New York opened for business helped the dollar back over 1.87 West German marks after it had languished for most of the day in a narrow trading range just below that level. It was steady against the Japanese yen and Britain's pound sterling.

**Mixed**  
European shares were mixed to lower and gold was easier. Wall Street blue chip shares were up strongly in early trading, helped by futures-related buying, share analysts said.

At New York's midday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 14.58 points up at 2,032.01. Concern about inflationary

trends led six European central banks to raise interest rates last week and some analysts believe the US Federal Reserve might have to put up its discount rate again soon. It increased the key rate half a percentage point to 6.5 per cent on Aug 9.

**Dealers**  
Currency dealers were also starting to focus on monthly US employment figures due out on Friday. Interest rates could tighten if jobs show a strong rise, providing further evidence of an overheating US economy.

The dollar closed in Frankfurt at 1.87 marks after 1.8605 on Friday, and it was trading in Europe in late afternoon at around 1.84.15 yen.

Earlier today it finished in Tokyo at 1.8665 marks and 134.20 yen and on Friday it had closed in London at 1.8583 marks and 133.85 yen. West Germany's Bundesbank

intervened at the Frankfurt dollar fix today with sales of \$4.9 million, but the amount was small and dealers said it had little impact. Last week several European central banks and the US Federal Reserve were in the market heavily to try to contain the surging dollar.

Gold closed in Zurich at \$431.50 an ounce after ending last week in London at \$431.75. Share prices in Tokyo nosedived today in light trading with no buying incentives in sight, brokers said.

**Down**  
"The market has no energy. The main factor keeping it down is the fear of worldwide higher interest rates," a securities broker said. "There are almost no institutional investors in the market."

The dollar closed firmer against major currencies after fluctuating narrowly in lack of trading due partly to the

closure of the Hong Kong London markets for holidays.

But the currency market remained uncertain over the dollar's near-term direction. Dealers were sidelined and reluctant to move the dollar either way in the absence of fresh factors.

The Nikkei index fell 165.42 points, or 0.60 per cent, to 27,513.49 after an hour of afternoon trade, spiralling down after losing 14.40 points to 27,664.51 at midday. It gained 113.50 points on Saturday.

Volume was a thin 430 million shares against 230 million in Saturday's half-day trade.

**Firm**  
The dollar closed at 134.20 yen and 1.8600/65 marks against 133.75/85 and 1.8580/90 in New York on Friday.

The dollar was firm against the yen throughout the day, and some buying by overseas

speculators near the close pushed it slightly firmer, dealers said.

Large differentials between US and Japanese interest rates helped the dollar's steadiness against the yen, dealers said.

"Even though the dollar's sentiment is somewhat bullish against yen, it's not enough to cause positive dollar buying at the 134 yen level due to fears of US inflation," said a dealer at a major Japanese bank.

Gold in Tokyo was trading around \$431.50 an ounce in late afternoon activity.

In Sydney, stock prices dropped sharply in very low turnover to their lowest level in nearly two months. Brokers said there were no buyers in the market, and no sector escaped the downward trend.

The all ordinaries index dropped 27.1 points to 1,568.5, its lowest level since July 4. Hong Kong markets were closed today for a public holiday.

## Inflation 'remains a cause for concern'

## Hongkong Bank profits rise 18.6pc

HONG KONG, Aug 29: The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank last week revealed after tax profits of HK\$1,674 million (£126 million) for the six months ended June 30.

The figure is 18.6 per cent higher than at the interim stage last year and in line with analysts' expectations, reports a London daily.

The interim dividend is being raised from 11 cents a share to 13 cents.

"The pace of economic growth was strong during the first half, but exports increased at a more modest rate," William Purves, the chairman, said.

"Inflation remains a cause for concern, and there are signs of overheating in the property market, but overall the economy performed well." He said that the banking sector was benefiting from strong loan demand which led to steady profit growth, though he warned that there could be a slowing down in the second half of the year.

**Conditions**  
Purves said that James Capel, the stockbroker, was trading profitably but facing "difficult trading conditions."

In March the bank revealed that James Capel had produced an operating loss of HK\$203 million in the wake of the market

crash, mainly the result of market-making in convertibles and gold shares.

Wardley, the bank's merchant banking arm, produced results in line with expectations, but had a tougher time because of a drop in underwriting fees and a slowdown in fuel management activities, both the result of the October stock market crash.

The bank spent £383 million on a 14.9 per cent stake in Midland Bank, the British clearing bank, in December and while Purves has agreed not to increase the holding until the end of 1990 he has not revealed his intentions thereafter.

**Theory**  
While the bank has made no secret of the fact that it has long wanted to expand into Europe it also provides a ready-made escape route should problems develop when the Crown Colony is handed back to Communist China in 1997.

The Hongkong Bank could, in theory, use a merger with the Midland Bank to become a fully-fledged British institution.

Purves said the partnership was already bringing benefits to both parties.

The Hongkong Bank has already absorbed Midland's operations in Singapore, Korea and Canada and will have trans-

ferred its European branch operations to the British clearing bank by the end of the year.

Also in December last year the Hongkong Bank paid US\$600 million to increase its holding in the New York-based Marine Midland Bank from 51 per cent to 100 per cent, another indication of how seriously it takes expansion overseas.

International operations of the bank now account for about 60 per cent of its gross assets.

Profits of Midland Bank and Marine Midland were hit in 1987 because of exposure to Third World debtors, but both have turned round this year. Midland Bank reported interim pre-tax profits of £133 million against losses of £665 million at the half-way stage last year, and Marine Midland reported 1988 half-year net profits of US\$274.4 (£42.96 million) against losses of US\$259.25 at the previous interim.

Hongkong Bank performed slightly better than its 62 per cent owned subsidiary, the Hang Seng Bank.

Last week the Hang Seng Bank revealed that profits for the six months ending June were 17.1 per cent higher at HK\$483.6 million, with a 17 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 28 cents per share.

## Interest in nuclear power may rise with temperatures

NEW YORK, Aug 29, (Reuters): Growing worries about a rise in atmospheric temperatures due to the "greenhouse effect" could revive the dormant US nuclear power industry.

The greenhouse effect, in which gases rising in the atmosphere are expected to warm the earth by several degrees in the next century, has been blamed in part on pollution caused by fossil fuels.

**Changes**  
"This could be the year environmentalists take another look at nuclear energy as a way to relieve the strain on the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels for electric output," said Don Winston, a spokesman for the Washington-based US Council on Energy Awareness. The group advocates nuclear power.

No US utility has ordered a nuclear reactor since 1978, and New York's Shoreham and New Hampshire's Seabrook plants, which cost over \$5 billion each, currently sit idle.

But legislation was recently introduced in Congress promoting nuclear power as a way to

curb use of fossil fuels.

"We're looking for changes in people's thinking very soon," Winston said.

US scientists estimate that carbon dioxide from burning oil and coal contributes to about half of the greenhouse effect. Fossil fuel power plants also produce nitrous oxide, which depletes the earth's protective ozone layer.

Nuclear plans do not create carbon dioxide or sulphur dioxide, which causes acid rain, scientists say.

US companies with a stake in nuclear power equipment hope that concerns about the earth's atmosphere may breathe new life into their business.

**Developments**  
"There is a fundamental need for nuclear power and it has the advantage of not polluting the atmosphere," said Boh Bruce, manager of nuclear plant programmes for Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Industry analysts said the threat of global warming could change the current US anti-nuclear political climate if industry critics are appeased by plant

design improvements.

Senator Timothy Wirth, a Colorado Democrat, has proposed legislation that would fund research in technologies for a new generation of nuclear reactors that would be "passively safe," and cost effective.

"Passively safe" means you always have the core covered with water, there are fewer pumps, equipment, fewer things to go wrong," said Dale Bunch, principal deputy assistant secretary for nuclear power at the US Department of Energy.

"These are revolutionary developments."

The dormancy of the US nuclear industry since the late 1970s was caused by flat electricity demand, rising construction costs and the psychological impact of a near disaster in March, 1979 at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

This was America's worst nuclear accident. A partial meltdown of one of the reactors forced the evacuation of local residents after radioactive gas leaked into the atmosphere.

US companies said they were planning an assortment of new reactors to address safety concerns. Some designs include fusion reactors which would be cheaper to build and could be operating by the mid 1990s.

"Much more of a consensus has emerged that it is in our collective interest to pursue these technologies," Bunch said.

Westinghouse is designing a cheaper plant with a power capacity of 600 megawatts that it

claims would greatly reduce the role of the operator and the chances of human error.

"Passive safeguard systems cost less because there are fewer parts," Bruce said, adding that the plant would cost about 35 per cent less to build than a conventional plant. "It's a whole new ballgame in plant economics."

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## Iran rejects output parity for Iraq

## Oil quota violations criticised

TRIPOLI, Aug 29, (Reuters): Libya today criticised oil production quota violations by other OPEC members which are helping to depress world oil prices.

A senior Libyan oil official told Reuters his country's oil output was about equal to its Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota of 996,000 barrels per day (BPD).

"Libya is sticking to what OPEC decided for it," he said. "We are against increases in production by some members of the organisation and we think sticking to quota levels is in the interest of all OPEC members."

**Agreement**  
OPEC set an oil production ceiling of 15.06 million BPD for 12 of its 13 members at its last ministerial meeting in June. Iraq refused to sign the agreement, demanding quota parity with its

wait for Iraq.

The official said Libya would

not object to the convening of an emergency OPEC ministerial meeting provided it addressed two key issues facing the organisation: overproduction by member states and the return of a quota left free to produce as much as it wants. Current output is around 2.6 million BPD, industry sources say.

"We are ready to go along with any meeting advancing the interests of OPEC," he said. OPEC ministers are due to hold a scheduled meeting on November 21 in Vienna, but secretary general Subroto plans to convene a meeting of the group's five-nation price committee which could call on all ministers to meet earlier.

**Output**  
The official said it was not necessary for OPEC to make fresh cuts in the output quotas, only to observe them and give Iraq one.

The Libyan official said a

Dutch auditing firm commissioned by OPEC to make periodic reviews of the member states' output would visit Libya on September 12.

The official said test production began earlier this month at a new offshore field, Bourri, with a target production of 50,000 BPD by the end of the year.

The Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey reported today that the field had recoverable reserves of 670 million barrels, making it the largest yet discovered in the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, Iran said today that OPEC should not give Iraq an oil production quota equal to its own.

State-run Tehran Radio broadcast a commentary rejecting the concept of equal quotas as OPEC secretary-general Subroto arrived in Tehran to start negotiations aimed at resolving the dispute over Baghdad's demand for parity.

## Republican candidate wants flexible freeze on spending

## Bush and Dukakis target US deficits

WASHINGTON, Aug 29, (AP): The two candidates for the American presidency are both committed to bringing down the US deficits that harass the rest of the world: the \$150-billion federal government budget deficit and the \$170-billion trade deficit.

They have some sharp differences, however, about how to do it. And history shows that economic policy pronouncements made by candidates for the US presidency don't always determine what they'll do once they get in office.

**Debts**  
Republican candidate George Bush says he wants fair trade, as well as free trade, with other countries. Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis says other countries' barriers to US sales have less importance. The main thing to attack he says, is the federal budget deficit.

"We can't create that future (that American needs) as long as two out of every \$3 saved by American workers and corporations are being used to finance the national debt. As long as our need to borrow billions from foreign bankers to finance that debt drives the cost of capital in the United States to twice the rate in Japan," Dukakis said in a speech last week.

Bush wants a "flexible freeze" on government spending to attack the budget deficit, and promises not to increase taxes. Dukakis emphasises collecting taxes that Americans have evaded and holding down spending on defence.

There is a big risk in predicting US presidents' economic policies from what they say as candidates. Presidents Ronald Reagan and Franklin D. Roosevelt both advocated balanced budgets during their campaigns, then proceeded to run deficits of historic size.

John F. Kennedy was expected to spend government money freely, but also brought about a successful tax cut. Richard Nixon was for a free economy, but installed controls on wages and prices.

Trade policy is also hard to predict on political lines. For many years the Republicans were the high-tariff party. But the new US trade law, criticised in many countries as "protectionist", was pushed through by the Democratic majority in Congress.

**Importance**  
"Let's knock down barriers, not build them up," Bush told the committee that prepared the Republican platform for the election campaign, the party's statement of principles.

"And as we pursue free trade, let's pursue fair trade as well," Dukakis plays down the importance of barriers, though he also wants to eliminate them.

"If every barrier to American goods abroad disappeared tomorrow, we would still have a trade deficit of \$125 billion," he says.

He blames the trade deficit on the budget deficit. The link, in his view, is that the budget deficit requires borrowing from abroad and the incoming currency bids up the price of the dollar. The

high dollar makes US goods expensive to foreigners and foreign goods cheap to Americans, making the trade deficit grow.

The Republican platform offers an idea based on the free-trade agreements the United States has already negotiated with Israel and Canada, though there is still a question of Canadian approval.

**Agreements**  
"These agreements should be used as a model by the entire Western hemisphere as it moves toward becoming a free trade zone..." it says.

"We are prepared to negotiate free-trade agreements with partners like the Republic of China on Taiwan and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) if they are willing to open their markets to US products."

The candidates have not emphasised two other major questions in world economic affairs, about which there is little public discussion in this country. They are efforts by the major Western governments to mesh their domestic policies to hold currency rates stable, and the Third World's \$1.2-trillion debt.

The man now managing the Bush campaign, and who might become secretary of state if Bush

is elected, is James A. Baker III. For the last three years Baker has been President Ronald Reagan's secretary of the Treasury, while Bush has been vice-president.

Baker is responsible for a switch in policy from a strong dollar to a weaker one, a move designed to help the US trade deficit by making American goods cheaper and more attractive to other countries, and by discouraging imports that a weak dollar makes more expensive. Administration supporters say the policy is beginning to reduce the US trade deficit, though progress is slow.

The process was endorsed by the Republican Party platform, and Dukakis has also said he plans to continue it.

**Strategy**  
Baker is also responsible for the Reagan administration's stand on Third World debt: handle it on a country-to-country basis, encourage more lending by private banks and government organisations like the World Bank, help creditor banks when they are ready to negotiate easing the burden on a debtor country — and stay away from large-scale plans that would bring down the face value of the debt.

Dukakis wants to move away from the Baker strategy toward a more general plan for debt relief.

## Gulf-Swedish industrial co-operation

## meeting planned

RIYADH, Aug 29, (KUNA): A two-day industrial co-operation conference between the Arab Gulf states and Sweden will begin on Sept 13 in Stockholm, the Saudi Press Agency said.

The conference is being organised by the Industrial Consultative Gulf Organisation in co-operation with the GCC Standardisation Council, the Gulf Investment Organisation and the Swedish Trade Council.

**Progress**  
The conference is aimed at providing knowledge about industrial progress in the Gulf region, promoting industrial and economic co-operation between the Gulf states and Sweden, and exploring investment opportunities for joint ventures in the Gulf states.

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### Dear Junior Readers,

Just recently there have been a couple of incidents in Kuwait where children have got into difficulties whilst swimming. Now, I know that when the weather is hot, diving into cool water is a marvellous feeling, but you really must be a good swimmer, especially if you are going into the sea. Even a smallish pool can be dangerous if you get out of your depth. Never attempt to swim when there is no-one around; do not fool around in the water — it can be very frightening to weak swimmers and can also be dangerous to yourself and others; do not go too far from the shore when swimming in the sea — the current can sweep you away — and do not swim if you are tired or have just eaten a heavy meal. Remember that water is a powerful element and that you have to respect the fact that it will take you under if you are not careful. Auntie Jayne

### Happy birthday



Belated greetings to Haleema Salar, who celebrated her 7th birthday last week at her home in Farwaniya. Best wishes for the future, Haleema, from Mom, Dad, brother Omar and sister Aiysha.



Madiha Tariq celebrates her 3rd birthday today. Best wishes, Madiha, from uncle Yawar and Aunt Raheela.

Solutions to 'Artists':  
1. Van Gogh 2. Henri Matisse 3. Pablo Picasso 4. Michelangelo

#### Picture clue crossword

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32

Solution on Thursday

#### CHANGELINGS

Can you change the first word into the second word (in each set below) by changing only one letter at a time? Do not rearrange the order of the letters. Each change must result in a real, everyday word; and words beginning with a capital letter, slang, contractions, or obsolete words are not allowed. The number in parentheses indicates the number of changes we need for that Changeling.

1. TINY to BIRD (4 changes)
2. ROAD to JOIN (4 changes)
3. FUEL to TANK (5 changes)
4. 51PS to MALT (5 changes)
5. LONG to TAPE (5 changes)

### Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS SINGLE TV TRANSMISSION UNDER A SINGLE DIRECTOR WAS THE ECTV 25-A-THON FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, USA ON 27-28 SEPTEMBER, WHICH LASTED FOR 25 HOURS. THE SHOW WAS HOSTED BY DEB WILLIAMS WHO ENDED UP BEING CARRIED OFF ON A STRETCHER WITH THE CAMERA STILL ROLLING.

Just a quick final word, honey!

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

FULLY EDITED AND PACKAGED VHS TAPES, PRODUCED BY THAMES VIDEO COLLECTION, OF THE ROYAL WEDDING OF H.R.H. PRINCE ANDREW AND MISS SARAH FERGUSON ON 23 JULY 1981, WERE ON SALE JUST 5 HOURS 41 MINUTES AFTER FILMING ENDED AT 4.42 P.M.

THE WORLD'S MOST DURABLE TV SHOW IS NBC'S MEET THE PRESS FIRST TRANSMITTED ON 6 NOV 1947, ORIGINATED BY LAWRENCE E. SPYING, WHO APPEARED WEEKLY AS EITHER MODERATOR OR PANEL MEMBER UNTIL 1975.

### Continued from Thursday By Elsie Hall

In the Village there were two shops. One shop had little windows and sold bread and cakes and huns and pies. The other shop sold everything. Pyjamas and aprons and stockings and shoes. Behind the counter stood a Large Man. The Witch slid down from the Little Green Horse's back and Mister Clancy, the Little Green Horse, the Witch and Rabbie the Robber all filed into the shop. "No horses, green or otherwise, allowed in this shop!" shouted the Large Man. Mister Clancy drew himself up. "It's myself that's a Clancy," he said. "This Little Green Horse is my faithful friend. 'Tis not myself that will see him standing in the gutter being fitted with two pairs of new shoes!" "And a pair for me," shouted the Witch.

### Mr Clancy buys a birthday present

"And a pair for Rabbie the Robber," cried Mister Clancy. "Four pairs, in all." The Large Man began pulling down shoe boxes. "Tis myself will put Rabbie the Robber on the floor and we'll start with the Little Green Horse," smiled Mister Clancy. So Mister Clancy put his hand into his pocket to pull out Rabbie the Robber. And — Rabbie the Robber was not there! "Feel again, Mister Clancy, my dear Master," said the Little Green Horse anxiously. Mister Clancy felt again. Suddenly he gave a great shout. "It's gone." "What's gone, Mister Clancy?" cried the Little Green Horse. "My silver penny." "You mean you've no money?" asked the Large Man, dropping the shoe boxes. "Gone!" whispered Mister Clancy. "Then get out of my shop," cried the Large Man. "I don't allow horses in. Witches aren't respectable, either." "I told you Rabbie was a thief. He's got your money," said the Witch angrily and she flounced out of the shop. The Little Green Horse burst into a shower of tears. "Oh, what an unhappy birthday," he sobbed. Mister Clancy and the Little Green Horse stood together in the gutter, crying bitterly. Suddenly Mister Clancy lifted his head and sniffed. "Bedad," he cried, "I smell frying doughnuts." The Little Green Horse sniffed. "A birthday with doughnuts in it would be lovely," he said. "Tis from the wee cake shop the small comes," said Mister Clancy. "Come with me, Little Green Horse."

"But Mister Clancy, my dear Master, you have no money," cried the Little Green Horse as he trotted after his master. Mister Clancy patted the Little Green Horse and walked into the cake shop. On the wee counter was a pile of hot doughnuts, brown and crusty and sparkling with sugar. The Little Green Horse closed his eyes with longing. Mister Clancy drew from his pocket his Sunday best silk handkerchief all printed with yellow dragons and black eagles. "There!" said Mister Clancy, spreading out his handkerchief on the counter, "did you ever see the like of that before. Waved before the nose," said Mister Clancy grandly, "tis taken for a Duke you'll be." The shopkeeper behind the counter picked up the handkerchief and gazed at it.



"Yours for four doughnuts," said Mister Clancy. "Hot ones," he added, "and in a paper bag." The shopkeeper put the handkerchief into his pocket, then he took four hot doughnuts and, putting them into a paper bag, handed them to Mister Clancy. Then Mister Clancy and the Little Green Horse walked out of the shop. "Oh, Mister Clancy," cried the Little Green Horse, "open the bag and let me smell them." So Mister Clancy opened the bag and the Little Green Horse sniffed ah — h — h! "Jump onto my back, Mister Clancy, and let us get back to the hut as quickly as we can. We'll have a birthday feast, that's what we'll have." So Mister Clancy jumped onto the Little Green Horse's back and away they went to the wee hut beside the Brown Bog.



Can you get the frog through the maze of pebbles?

#### Brick path puzzle

If the man can only carry three bricks each time, how many journeys will he have to make to move all the bricks?

#### Which is the odd piece of jigsaw?

A jigsaw puzzle with pieces labeled A through G. Piece A is the odd one out.

### The why of man

Why our bodies need food. IN order to be always efficient and do their work properly the cells which form our bodies need certain vital substances: carbohydrates. These are made up of three chemical elements: carbon, oxygen and hydrogen. The human organism converts the carbohydrates into sugars to enable the cells to utilize them. To make a very ordinary comparison, sugar is for our bodies what petrol is for our cars. In addition to sugar our organism needs other very important substances: fats and proteins. Carbohydrates, fats and proteins are found in plentiful amounts in the foods we eat every day. Eating is therefore a prime necessity for man as it supplies his organism with the energy to enable it to function correctly. The amount of energy which various foods provide has been measured by scientists in special units called calories. A calorie is the amount of heat required to raise 1 kilogramme of water 1°C. The human body needs varying numbers of calories according to the work it has to do. For example, if 3,000 calories are enough for light work, at least 4,500 calories are needed for heavy work. It should be remembered, moreover, that the nutrition which comes from foods, particularly from fats, serves not only for immediate use but also to provide stores of energy to be used as and when required. Why vitamins are essential to life. There is one type of food which the body cannot do without: the vitamins. They were quite unknown not so very long ago but they constitute an essential part of our daily food and without them the body can suffer considerable damage. The lack of vitamin A, for instance, is the cause of eye diseases and skin diseases, a shortage of vitamin B gives rise to nervous troubles; insufficient vitamin C can cause scurvy and vitamin D deficiency is the direct cause of rickets in young children. Rickets is indeed one of the commonest diseases in those parts of the world where food is scarce. A correctly balanced intake of vitamins, therefore, provides the body with the best conditions of health and an improved nervous system. Some sources of the principle vitamins

Lettuce and spinach	Pork	Oranges	With sunlight the body makes vitamin D from a substance found in the skin
Carrots	Mutton	Lemons	Cod liver oil
Cheese	Beef	Tomatoes	Cabbage
Cod liver oil	Liver	Red peppers	Butter
Eggs	Dark bread and cereals	Green vegetables	Eggs
Butter	Peas	Black currants	Butter
Milk and cream	Cabbages	Strawberries	Milk and cream
		Potatoes	



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(AT4-43691-3)

VOLKSWAGEN Passat Box '83 model, manual, with AC, registered upto March '89, in very good condition. Price KD650, negotiable. Tel. Mr Habib, 2457921-3, 8am - 12noon, 4-7.30 pm.

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MAID required, Filipino, for a small family to live-in. Experience with children is a must. Attractive salary. Tel. 5711951, after 7 pm.

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## NAME CHANGE

I, PALTETI Raman Juma Ramoorty, holder of Indian passport No. W 130437 embraced Islam and changed my name to Maryam.

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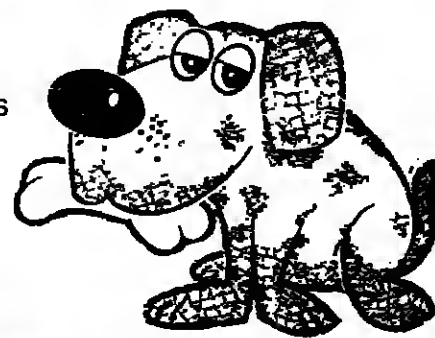
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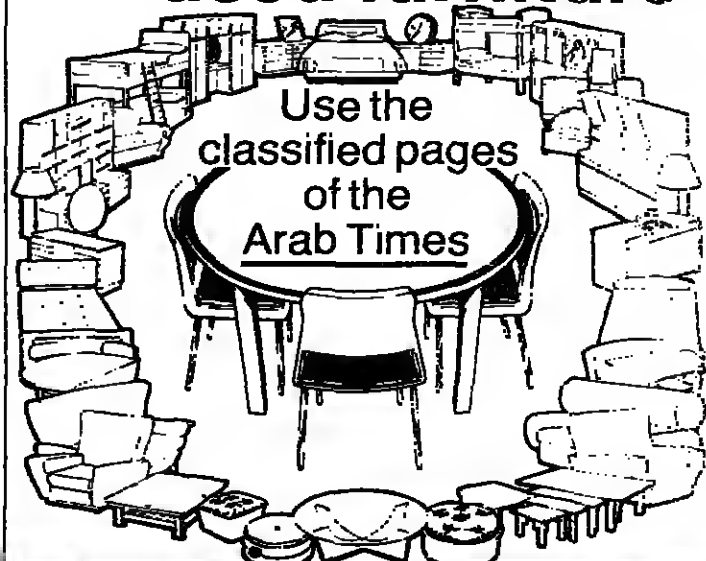
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## Coe to face Elliott in 800m at Rieti meet

ROME, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Sebastian Coe, whose exclusion from Britain's Olympic squad stirred a major storm, will run the 800 metres against the man selected in his place at the Rieti athletics meeting in Italy on Wednesday.

Organisers said today Coe and Peter Elliott had both confirmed decisions to contest the race, a certain duel between the two Britons in the absence of other strong entries.

Coe was ruled out of defending his 1,500 metres title at the Seoul Olympics next month when he failed to reach the final of that event at the British trials. Selectors then gave Elliott the third discretionary place ahead of Coe in the 800. Coe's world record distance.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch abandoned a personal campaign last Wednesday to secure a special "wild card" Olympic entry for Coe after opposition from other athletes.

Coe, the 1,500 metres gold and 800 metres silver medalist at the last two Olympics and now back in action after a respiratory infection, has run two 800 races since Samaranch backed down from the unprecedented plan.

He was beaten into second place by compatriot Tom McKean at the West Berlin Grand Prix finals last Friday and again by Brazilian Jose-Luis Barbosa yesterday in Koblenz.

But Coe's Koblenz time of one minute 43.93 was the seventh-fastest this year and was faster than Elliott's 1988 personal best.

Organisers of the Rieti event also confirmed that Briton Steve Cram would run the 1,000 metres, in which he hopes to better Coe's world best time of 2:12.18 set in Oslo in 1981.

Cram, the former world champion at 1,500, is favourite to succeed Coe as 1,500 metre gold medalist in Seoul.

The Cram-Coe-Elliott show at Rieti is likely to put the spotlight firmly on the British after announcements that both Said Aouita of Morocco and Somalia's Abdi Bile have pulled out.

Organisers said Aouita, the world 5,000 and 1,500 metre record holder, wanted to concentrate on training for the Olympics while Bile, the world 1,500 metres champion, had said he was unfit.

Aouita and Cram are due to meet in both the 800 and 1,500 metres in Seoul.

Other world record holders scheduled to compete at Rieti, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of Rome, are Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg in the high jump and 110 metres hurdler Renato Nehemiah of the United States.

## US triumph

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Aug. 29. (AP): A triple by Robin Ventura highlighted a seven-run seventh inning that lifted the United States to a 15-5 victory last night over the Netherlands Antilles in the World Baseball Championship.

## WIMBLEDON CHAMPION'S 1988 EARNINGS TOP MILLION-DOLLAR MARK

# Graf sweeps aside Tauziat for title



Graf starts quest for Grand Slam tomorrow

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 29. (Reuters): Steffi Graf passed the million-dollar earnings mark for the second straight year and won her 25th match in a row by trouncing Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-0, 6-1 in 41 minutes yesterday in the final of the \$200,000 Mahwah Classic.

Graf, who will start her quest for the Grand Slam sweep tomorrow at the US Open when she plays Elizabeth Minter of Australia in the first round, earned a purse of \$40,000 to raise her 1988 earnings to \$1,009,691.

**Dropped**  
Graf, the reigning champion of the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon, has won eight tournaments this year and five in a row starting with the German Open in May.

The 19-year-old West German star, who captured her 54th match against only two losses — to Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina — this season, dropped only 25 points in beating Tauziat for the sixth straight time, and the

fourth this year.

"It was the perfect tournament for me," said Graf. "I'm not tired and I feel fresh for the US Open. I'll savour the victory today and start thinking about the US Open tomorrow."

Graf noted that it was the first time she had won a tournament with the loss of so few games. She dropped only eight games in four matches. She disposed of Arantxa Sanchez of Spain 6-2, 6-0, compatriot Sylvia Hanika 6-2, 6-1 and Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-1, before routing Tauziat.

"She's too good and too fast," said the 20-year Tauziat, who was ranked 34th in the world and number one in France. "Steffi hit harder and more accurately than anyone else among the women."

Graf got off to a fast start, winning 11 of the first 13 points. "She took so many risks attacking my first serve and that's not a tactic that many people can do," Graf said. Tauziat, who upset eighth-

ranked Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union in the quarterfinals and 15th-ranked Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria in the semifinals, did not believe that she had a chance to win, but was hoping to salvage a few more games.

"I was hoping that maybe I would win a set," said the underdog. "But it was difficult to do anything against her. When I got to the net, she passed me so well."

**Service**  
The first set went so easily that Graf admitted she lost some concentration in the second, allowing Tauziat to come within one point of a 2-2 tie. But Graf broke through in that fourth game with a ripping forehand service return winner to take a 3-1 lead and Tauziat never came close to winning another game.

The \$20,000 runnerup prize, the biggest she has ever earned, lifted Tauziat's season prize money to \$100,354. It was the first time she has ever topped the \$100,000 mark.



Agassi: takes 7th title of year

## Agassi fights back to overcome Noah

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 29. (Reuters): American Andre Agassi was swamped in the second set but came back to defeat Yannick Noah of France 6-3, 6-6, 6-4 and win the Hamlet Challenge Cup tennis tournament yesterday, for his 22nd straight match victory.

Agassi, 18, the brightest star of American tennis, has risen from being ranked in the 20s worldwide earlier this year to number four, on the eve of the US Open. Agassi's victory yesterday was his seventh title of the year.

Agassi broke Noah in the fourth game of the first set to draw even at 2-2. The American scored the winning break in the ninth game, aided by a Noah doublefault and a footfault, which cancelled his ace.

Agassi did not seem to know what hit him in the second set.

Noah broke Agassi the first time in the set, when the American doublefaulted. Noah broke Agassi again in the fourth game on a crosscourt passing

shot and seemed to take the heart away from Agassi who did not exert himself for the rest of the set.

"He had the breaks before I got my wind after the first set," Agassi said. "I pointed for the third set."

Noah noticed. "I felt he let the set go," Agassi said. "I got two service breaks and he didn't try too hard."

They went on service in the third set, with Agassi rallying out of trouble twice. The young American won 12 of the last 13 points, breaking Noah at love in the ninth game and holding at 15 in the last game.

## Errors

"Today, both of us committed a lot of errors," Agassi said after winning \$40,000. Noah won \$20,000.

"I'm not disappointed with this loss," Noah said. "It was the first time I played Agassi and he's fun to play. You realise tennis is a game — when I play like this I know I can do well in the Open."

## Reid beats Watson on first extra hole

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 29. (Reuters): American Mike Reid stood by and watched as compatriot Tom Watson missed a three-foot putt for a par on the first extra hole of their playoff and then made a three-foot putt himself to win the \$900,000 World Series of Golf yesterday.

Reid and Watson tied at five-under-par 275 after Watson shot a two-under-par 68 and Reid had a 69.

## Consideration

Australian Ian Baker-Finch bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes to drop out of playoff consideration and into a tie for third place with Larry Nelson at three-under-par 77.

Sandy Lyle of Britain played the incoming nine in two-over-par 37 for a 71 on the day and finished alone in fifth place.

Reid, with his second tour victory in 11 years on the Tour, earned \$162,000. Watson collected \$97,200. Baker-Finch and

Nelson each won \$52,200 while Lyle earned \$36,000.

Watson held the lead at five-under late in the back nine but Reid managed to tie him with a birdie at the 17th hole where he made a putt of five feet after a splendid six-iron shot.

Meanwhile, up ahead, Baker-Finch was faltering and dropping out of the picture.

On the first playoff hole, Watson hit his approach shot 25 feet to the right of the cup while Reid was 35 feet short of the hole. Reid rolled his first putt to within three feet. Then Watson hit his putt three feet beyond the cup — and then missed his attempt at the par. Reid made his for the victory.

"Golf is a hard way to make an easy living," Reid said. Play was suspended for more than an hour in mid-afternoon by heavy rain, but Reid said he loved it. "It was adversity and I've always loved adversity. I love to play in the rain."



Reid (left) is hugged by his caddy Chuck Mohr after his victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Jones holds on to win world golf

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, Ga., Aug. 29. (Reuters): American Rosie Jones struggled back after losing a five-stroke lead to win the World Women's Championship Golf tournament yesterday by a stroke over Liselotte Neumann of Sweden.

Americans Patty Sheehan, Sherri Turner and Nancy Lopez finished two strokes off the pace at seven-under-par 281.

Neumann staged a strong run at the leader, firing five birdies on the back nine for a six-under-par 66.

Jones' five-stroke margin looked like it would give her an easy victory as she began play yesterday, but her game nearly collapsed as she bogeyed the second and fifth holes and had a double bogey on the eighth.

## Birdied

By this time, Lopez, her playing partner, had birdied three times to pull one stroke ahead.

"I got really nervous playing with Nancy," Jones said. "When she started to make those birdies I was pretty worried. Then I figured that I had earned my place here and that I have beaten Nancy in pressure situation before."

After near disaster, Jones straightened out when she birdied the tenth.

She had a bogey at the 13th hole, but followed it with a birdie at the 405-yard, par-five 16th and she went on to finish with a 74 for a 279 total and the \$81,500 winner's cheque.

## Blackmar edges past Stewart

HIXSON, Tenn., Aug. 29. (Reuters): Phil Blackmar sank a 50-foot birdie putt on the final hole to force a playoff and then made a 25-footer on the first hole of sudden death to win the \$450,000 Provident Golf Classic over Payne Stewart.

Americans Blackmar and Stewart began the final round tied for the lead with two others at 11-under-par. Both played brilliantly in the final round, shooting five-under-par 65's to finish at 16-under-par 264 for the tournament.

## Finished

It was Blackmar's second victory of his career. He had finished no better than 24th this season.

Americans Billy Ray Brown, Jim Dent and Mark Hayes tied for third at 11-under-par 269 and earned \$23,400 apiece.

Blackmar and Stewart were especially strong on the final nine, with Stewart shooting a 31 and Blackmar a 32.



Senna leads Prost during yesterday's Belgian Grand Prix. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Senna unmoved by Prost's concession of world title

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Ayrton Senna was in anything but a celebratory mood last night after his McLaren team-mate Alain Prost had conceded defeat in their private duel for the World Drivers' Championship.

Senna, whose convincing victory in the Belgian Grand Prix lifted him three points and three wins clear of Prost in the title race, sat poker-faced as the even more solemn Frenchman congratulated him on his impending triumph.

"One of our targets was the Constructors' Championship," said Honda's Formula One spokesman Osamu Goto. "We are delighted to have won it for a third consecutive year and with five races to go."

"We have improved our knowledge of engine technology step by step and this has led us to 11 straight wins."

Honda are likely to have greeted with less enthusiasm a persistent rumour in the Formula One paddock suggesting McLaren will enter the World Sports Car Championship next season using Mercedes-Benz engines. The rumour has been denied by McLaren team chief Ron Dennis.

**Irritation**  
"I am happy with the result, but you cannot say I have won the title yet," said the Brazilian, a note of irritation in his voice.

"I am close to it — but it is not finished and I will keep on fighting the same way."

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were surprised at his downbeat manner after his fourth successive victory.

His seventh win of the season, which equalled the record shared by Briton Jim Clark (1963) and Prost, (1984), and Prost's second place also clinched the 1988 Constructors' title for McLaren, who set a new points record for one season.

This landmark was a particular delight for Honda, the Japanese engine manufacturers, whose turbo units have powered the McLaren cars this year.

"One of our targets was the Constructors' Championship," said Honda's Formula One spokesman Osamu Goto. "We are delighted to have won it for a third consecutive year and with five races to go."

"We have improved our knowledge of engine technology step by step and this has led us to 11 straight wins."

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# Dodgers take 5 1/2-game lead over Astros

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (AP): The Los Angeles Dodgers entered a weekend series against the Philadelphia Phillies having lost three straight games and their lead being threatened in the National League West.

Yesterday, John Tudor allowed four hits in seven innings as the Dodgers defeated the Phillies 5-0 for a sweep of the three-game series. It was the Dodgers' 11th straight victory over the Phillies this year, the only loss coming in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles left Philadelphia with a 5 1/2-game lead over second-place Houston and 6 1/2 over San Francisco.

On Saturday, Los Angeles beat Philadelphia 4-2 for Tom Lasorda's 1,000th victory as Dodgers manager.

Tudor, 8-6, struck out five and walked one in improving his record against the Phillies this season to 4-0 with a 0.68 earned run average. He's 12-4 lifetime against them.

## Understand

"I don't understand it," Tudor said of his success against Philadelphia. "I can't understand why they don't score more runs. I know they're not playing well and I guess slumps are contagious, but I really don't like to face them."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Pittsburgh 4, Houston 3, San Francisco 7, New York 4, St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 4, Chicago 2, and San Diego 5, Montreal 3.

Pittsburgh rallied for three runs in the eighth inning to beat the Astros in Houston. Doug Drahke, 13-6, pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and six hits. Jim Goff pitched two innings for his 27th save.

San Francisco scored four

runs in the ninth inning off reliever Roger McDowell to beat the Mets 7-4 in New York. The Giants stopped their four-game losing streak and won the season series against the Mets, 8-4.

In Cincinnati, Tony Pena hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning off Tom Browning as St. Louis beat Cincinnati at Riverfront stadium. Bob Forsch, 9-4, allowed six hits in six-plus innings for his third consecutive victory. Forsch is 5-1 in his last six starts, allowing just 10 earned runs.

Atlanta rookie John Smoltz allowed four hits in eight innings and doubled to key the winning rally as Atlanta beat visiting Chicago 4-2. With the Cubs leading 2-1, Smoltz led off the fifth with a double and two outs later, scored on Gerald Perry's single. The Braves then loaded the bases and Paul Runge walked to force in the go-ahead run.

San Diego's Tim Lincecum went 4-for-4 and pinch-hitter Keith Moreland's sacrifice fly snapped a ninth-inning tie, lifting San Diego past the Expos, 5-3 in Montreal.

Meanwhile Lou Piniella is starting to question the pride of the Yankees.

"I feel as bad as anyone, and if the players don't feel the same way, they don't have a pride," said New York first baseman Don Mattingly, whose name began to be mentioned in trade rumours over the weekend. "We're only 5 1/2 games out, but it's hard to feel like we're in a pennant race. It's hard to stay positive. You can't avoid it once in a while, but this has happened too often. We've gotten blown out too many times."

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Vice-President George Bush throws the first ball in the Astros-Pirates game. Bush is wearing an Astros' jacket. (Reuters wirephoto)

in 26 games this month, a 7.08 average.

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In other American League games yesterday, Baltimore beat Oakland 2-1 in 11 innings. Kansas City beat Minnesota 12-3. Boston beat Seattle 7-2. Cleveland beat Chicago 5-4 in 11 innings and Toronto beat Texas 6-5 in 11 innings.

Milwaukee's Paul Molitor hit a two-run, seventh-inning homer that snapped a 10-10 tie after the Brewers bounced back from deficits of 5-0 in the third and 9-4 in the sixth to beat Detroit.

For the Orioles, Joe Orsulak tripled and scored on Pete Stanicek's two-out, 11th-inning single off Gene Nelson, 7-6, as four

Baltimore pitchers combined on a four-hitter. Orsulak had singled and scored the tying run off Dennis Eckersley in the ninth.

In Kansas City, Pat Tabler's two-run triple keyed a five-run sixth inning and George Brett and Bo Jackson hit three-run homers in the seventh as Kansas City completed a three-game sweep, beating the Twins 12-3. Jackson's last five hits have been home runs as have nine of his last 19 since July 29.

Boston pitcher Bruce Hurst threw a five-hitter for his seventh consecutive victory since July 6 and Mike Greenwell hit a three-run double in a five-run sixth inning, rallying the Red Sox to a 7-2 victory over the Mariners and to within a game of first-place Detroit.

## Standings

American League			
Eastern Division			
Detroit	74	56	574
Boston	73	56	563
New York	68	60	531
Milwaukee	68	66	504
Toronto	64	66	492
Cleveland	63	67	485
Baltimore	45	84	349
Western Division			
Oakland	78	47	624
Minnesota	69	54	561
Kansas City	64	59	520
California	62	62	500
Texas	55	68	451
Chicago	54	70	435
Seattle	50	76	400
National League			
Eastern Division			
New York	76	53	589
Pittsburgh	70	60	538
Montreal	66	63	512
Chicago	64	64	500
St. Louis	59	71	454
Philadelphia	52	77	403
Western Division			
Los Angeles	75	54	585
Houston	70	60	538
San Francisco	69	61	531
Cincinnati	66	63	512
San Diego	64	65	496
Atlanta	45	85	346



World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson and his actress-wife Robin Givens at the Emmy Awards event in Pasadena, California, on Sunday evening. (Reuters wirephoto)



## SPORTS

RANATUNGA AND MENDIS PUT ON 104 FOR 6TH WICKET

## Sri Lankans hold up England



Ranatunga: top scorer with 78

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Arjuna Ranatunga and former captain Duleep Mendis, two of Sri Lanka's outstanding batsmen in their first cricket Test in England four years ago, were the heroes again at Lord's with a century stand today.

Ranatunga was their top scorer with 78 and Mendis struck a typically belligerent 56 as they put on 104 for the sixth wicket in 32 overs and helped Sri Lanka restore a degree of pride with a second innings total of 331.

Sequence They were all out just before the end of the fourth day in the only Test of their short tour, leaving England to make 97 for a victory that would end their sequence of 18 Tests without a win.

Sri Lanka, who batted disappointingly for 194 in their first innings, were in the toils again as they slipped from 92 for two overnight to 147 for five — still needing 88 to make England bat again.

But Ranatunga and Mendis, who scored 289 between them in Sri Lanka's first-ever Test in England in 1984, breathed fresh life into the innings with their spirited stand on a placid pitch and in ideal batting conditions.

Ravi Ratnayake further frustrated England with a defiant 32 in 128 minutes before paceman Phil Newport (4-87) wrapped up

the innings with three of the last four wickets, which tumbled for 22.

England, who were watched in sunshine by a crowd of only 5,000 on a public holiday, made an encouraging start when fast bowler David Lawrence trapped Aravinda de Silva lbw for 18 with his first ball in the second over of the morning.

Lawrence, a formidable prospect with his fast, hounding approach and high delivery action, might have added a second victim but for Allan Lamb at third slip failing to scoop up a difficult, low chance off Ranjan Madugalle when the Sri Lankan captain had made six.

Madugalle and Athula Samarasekera, who was 30 over-night and reached his half century in a total of 89 balls, added 49 in 16 overs before England struck a double blow shortly before lunch.

Foster produced a superb delivery that cut back sharply and bowled Madugalle for 20, while Embury bowled a bad delivery, a long-hop, but also got a wicket as Samarasekera tried to sweep, missed, and was leg before.

Sri Lanka, 161 for five at lunch, flourished in the second session as Mendis and Ranatunga carried the attack to the bowlers, of whom Newport suffered most in a three-over spell

that cost him 21 runs. Mendis completed his 50 off 88 balls with his eighth four, while Ranatunga became the first Sri Lankan to score 1,500 Test runs when he had made 41. His half century followed, from 115 deliveries.

## Scoreboard

SRI LANKA first innings 194 (R. Ratnayake 59 not out, B. Karuppu 46, G. Labrooy 42).

ENGLAND first innings 429 (R. Russell 94, G. Gooch 75, K. Barnett 66, A. Lamb 63, G. Labrooy four for 119).

SRI LANKA second innings (over-  
night 92 for two)

R. Karuppu c Barnett b Foster 25

A. Samarasekera b Newport 16

A. de Silva b Lawrence 18

R. Madugalle b Foster 20

A. Ranatunga b Newport 78

D. Mendis lbw b Pringle 56

R. Ratnayake c Lamb b Lawrence 32

R. Madurasinghe b Newport 2

G. Labrooy not out 9

C. Ratnayake c Gooch b Newport 2

Extras (lb-8, nb-8) 16

Total 331

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-51, 3-96, 4-145, 5-147, 6-251, 7-309, 8-311, 9-323.

Bowling: Foster 33-10-98-2, Lawrence 21-5-74-2, Newport 26-3-7-87-4, Pringle 11-2-30-1, Embury 15-9-34-1.

ENGLAND second innings

G. Gooch not out 1

T. Robinson not out 4

Extras (lb-3) 3

Total (no wicket) 8

Bowling to date: Labrooy 2-0-4-0, Ratnayake 1-0-4-0.

## Rain interrupts first round of US Open

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (Reuters): A gray haze over the National Tennis Centre today gave way to rain that forced an interruption of first-round matches in the US Open Championships at Flushing Meadows.

The rains came about 90 minutes after the start of opening-day play, leaving American Zina Garrison as the only seeded player safely through to the second round.

Garrison, the women's 11th seed, beat Nicole Provis of Australia 6-0 6-3 the tournament's first match on the grandstand court.

Men's second seed Mats Wilander of Sweden, winner of the Australian and French championships earlier this year, was in command on centre court. He led unseeded American Greg Holmes 6-2 6-1 1-2 before play was halted.

## Results

Men's singles, first round.

Darren Cahill (Australia) beat

Lawson Duncan (US) 6-0 6-2

Women's singles, first round

Zina Garrison (US) beat Nicole

Provis (Australia) 6-0 6-3

Elna Reinach (South Africa) beat

Radka Zrubakova (Czech-

slovakia) 6-1 6-4

Wendy White (US) beat Dinky

van Rensburg (South Africa) 6-3

6-4

Amy Frazier (US) beat Olga

Tsarbopoulou (Greece) 6-1 7-6

(7-4)

FIFA to consider

lifting ban

on Iraq and Iran

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 29. (AP): FIFA, world soccer's governing body, will consider on Dec. 1 whether to lift a ban on all international games in Iran and Iraq imposed after the two countries went to war in 1980.

FIFA's executive committee is due to take up the matter at its regular year-end meeting in the wake of the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, spokesman Guido Tognoni said.

But he cautioned: "We can lift the ban when it's sure that the guns are silent, when peace is formalized beyond just a ceasefire. We're not in a hurry."

The Kuwait Soccer Association urged FIFA a few days ago to lift the ban on Iraq, a popular adversary for other Arab teams.

British soccer

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Agencies): Results of the British soccer matches played yesterday:

Mercantile Credit Centenary Trophy (quarterfinals)

Liverpool 4 Notts Forest 1

Manchester U. 1 Everton 0

English Division Two

Barnley 1 Swindon 1

Bradford 0 Stoke 0

Manchester 1 Oldham 4

Oxford 1 Hull 0

Portsmouth 3 Leicester 0

## Worcestershire retain League title

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Worcestershire completed the first leg of their bid for an unprecedented trophy treble in English county cricket by retaining the Sunday League title with a 10-wicket win over Warwickshire.

Discarded England paceman Neal Radford captured four for 14 in seven overs as Warwickshire were shot out for 82 in a match reduced by rain from 40 to 36 overs at Worcester.

After

The champions strode to victory with 8.5 overs to spare after their England opener Tim Curtis (35 not out) and Steve O'Shaughnessy (43 not out) shared a stand of 83.

Worcestershire are challeng-

ing for two more prizes, having reached the final of the 60 overs NatWest Trophy in addition to being second in the county championship.

Warwickshire, put in to bat on a pitch helping the seamers, collapsed to 45 for seven. Worcester's pacemen were effectively supported by wicketkeepers Steve Rhodes, whose five victims enabled him to set two competition records with 26 catches and 29 dismissals in the season.

Worcestershire, whose win was the ninth in their last 10 matches, collected £21,000 (£35,490) as champions.

Gloucestershire finished runners-up, six points behind Worcester, after recovering from a collapse to beat Essex by five

wickets at Chelmsford in a game reduced by rain to 27 overs.

Zimbabwe-born Kevin Curran and Paul Romaine rescued Gloucestershire after they slumped to 28 for four in pursuit of a target of 103. The pair put on 56, and Curran (30 not out) hit the winning runs with nine balls to spare.

Lancashire finished third following a six-wicket defeat by Surrey at the Oval in another rain-affected match.

Cracked

A 75-minute innings of 70 from Graeme Fowler spurred Lancashire to 181 for five in their 31 overs, but discarded England wicketkeeper Jack Richards cracked 71 out of 107 off 70 deliveries as Surrey made 182 for

four. Middlesex edged into fourth place, despite losing on a faster scoring rate to Yorkshire at Headingley.

They struggled to 150 for nine and Yorkshire, whose target was reduced to 143 in 38 overs by two stoppages for rain, got home with 19 balls to spare after David Byas and Phil Robinson who put on 52 in nine overs.

The top four teams now meet for the Sunday League Cup, which is being contested for the first time this season.

Worcestershire are home to Middlesex, while Gloucestershire face Lancashire, both on September 7. The final is at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on September 18.

## Myers out of US swimming team for Games

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29. (AP): Angel Myers of Georgia, who won three events at the US trials, was disqualified from the Seoul Games next month for use of a banned drug, the US swim team said.

One of the swimmer's coaches contended that the substance uncovered in the test was birth control pills and not a banned drug. Another coach said Myers' family would file an appeal.

In a statement, US Swimming, governing body for the sport in America, said initial tests of Myers, who is from Americus, Georgia, were confirmed by a second urinalysis.

Involved

One of Myers' coaches in Americus, Harriet Peak, said the banned substance involved was a steroid, but she said Myers was not taking steroids.

"We are not biochemists, but other things can be confused in the drug testing process," Peak said.

## Gooch to lead England in India

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Graham Gooch, a reluctant cricket tourist in recent years, is to captain England on their 1988-89 tour of India.

England's selectors announced today, while Gooch was leading his country in a Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's, that the opening batsman had accepted the captaincy for the 11-week tour due to start on December 6.

Gooch led England for the first time in the fifth and final Test against West Indies earlier this month and was subsequently reappointed for the current, and only, Test of Sri Lanka's short visit.

He has reduced his touring commitments over the last few years for family reasons, missing the 1986-87 Ashes series in Australia, and opting out of the New Zealand leg of England's 1987-88 tour schedule.

Gooch, who was made captain against West Indies after Chris Cowdrey pulled out of the last Test with a foot injury, gave up the captaincy of Essex last year.

after his only season in charge because the job adversely affected his batting.

Gooch's appointment for India could cause problems in view of the 35-year-old opener's links with South African cricket. In 1982 he was banned from Tests for three years for his part in a rebel tour of the white-ruled republic.

India's Sports Minister Margaret Alva said in New Delhi today that the question of whether England cricketers who have played in South Africa would be allowed on the Indian tour would be decided at top government level.

Blacklist

The International Cricket Conference (ICC) has made it their policy to oppose any influence on touring teams imposed by host countries.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the English Test and County Cricket Board, said today: "The selectors pick the person they think is right and should not be deflected by any political con-

sideration."

The England tour party is due to be named on September 6. Alva declined to say in an interview whether India would ban players who figure on the United Nations blacklist.

The London Sunday Times reported that India was likely to insist that England leave out players on the blacklist, although these include probable Gooch and several regular members of the England team.

"We have not received any proposal from the BCCI (Board for Control of Cricket in India)," said Alva. "Until we see the list (on England players), we cannot comment on it."

Alva would not confirm a Sunday Times statement that India's position on sport and apartheid had hardened since a seminar on the issue held here last month.

But she said: "India's position on apartheid is well known. Few people have been as outspoken on the question as our Prime Minister (Rajiv Gandhi)."

## Special committee shepherds Olympic torch



Kim Mi-Kyun carrying the torch on the third day of the relay. (Reuters wirephoto)

SEoul, South Korea, Aug. 29. (AP): An Olympic torch flickered out on the first leg of the torch relay and the angry Seoul Olympic Organising Committee plans to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"It's bad luck to have it happen anytime," said a spokesman for SLOOC today. "But on the first leg — such. Everyone's hopping mad."

More than 21,000 runners are carrying the Olympic flame across South Korea to Seoul for the Sept. 17 start of the Olympics. Each runner gets to carry the torch for one kilometre (about half a mile) on its journey.

Lee Chin-Young of the torch relay division said every precaution is being taken to ensure the Olympic flame and the runners complete the 22-day, 4,168-kilometre (2,605-mile) zigzag relay without further incident. Or without losing the flame.

Special committee, of about 25 officials, is travelling with the torch, she said. They co-ordinate with local representatives who have arranged runners and dis-

tributed the running clothes in their areas.

Each torchbearer during his or her run has about 10 escort runners selected to run alongside for that leg of the journey. In addition, a police car, an official vehicle and a jeep accompany the runners.

The jeep is protected by a windshield and carries three Olympic flames, from which the torches are lit. A vehicle behind the runners is designated to extinguish the flame of the used torch after the flame has been passed along.

The torch arrived at the southern resort island of Cheju from Greece on Saturday. Following the arrival ceremonies, the flame was given to the first carriers, a 12-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl.

The two youngsters were mobbed by photographers and television cameras eager to get pictures of them as the first official carriers of the torch on South Korean soil.

But the two children were delayed by the horde of

photographers, and the flame went out.

Olympic officials said a new torch was quickly lit from the Olympic flame which travels with the relay and the youngsters continued their run.

The torch relay division, however, has vowed it will not happen again. Even momentarily.

Ms Lee arranges shorts, shirts, headbands, shoes and socks for the 200 foreign runners, who include representatives from each national Olympic committee and the foreign press. She also arranges white gloves.

"The white gloves are very important," she says. In South Korea, white gloves are used in formal ceremonies, such as in ribbon cutting.

"It's common when we identify ourselves on the phone as being from the torch relay department for people to ask if they can run," she said.

Runners, she said, often want to wear business logos, which is forbidden. And they all want their pictures taken, she said.



● Eddie Lawson, the new world 500cc motorcycle champion, of the United States displays a T-shirt presented to him by his fans after the race at the Czechoslovak Grand Prix in Brno on Sunday. Lawson finished second in the race to make it impossible for Australia's Wayne Gardner to keep the title. (Reuters wirephoto)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Srejber overcomes Krishnan

RYEBROOK, New York, Aug. 29. (AP): Fourth-seeded Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia defeated Ramesh Krishnan of India 6-2, 7-6 in the \$123,400 Nynex Open yesterday to capture his first Nabisco Grand Prix tennis title. Srejber pushed his total earnings for the year to over \$100,000.

## Samiullah reaches main tourney

HONG KONG, Aug. 29. (AP): Farhan Samiullah of Pakistan beat New Zealand's Stephen Cunningham 15-12, 15-9, 15-14 today to cruise into the main draw of the \$300,000 Hong Kong (\$38,461 US) Cathay Pacific-Dunlop Hong Kong Squash Open.

## Roman in good condition

TOKYO, Aug. 29. (AP): Gilberto Roman of Mexico is in good condition to defend his World Boxing Council superflyweight title against Japan's Kiyoshi Hatanaka, his manager said today. Manager Rafael Mendoza said the 26-year-old Roman was "a little tired because of the trip to Japan, but he is taking a lot of rest and he has no problems at all." Roman arrived in Japan on Friday.

## Cauthe released from hospital

CHICHESTER, England, Aug. 29. (AP): American jockey Steve Cauthe, injured in a fall at Goodwood race track last Friday, was discharged from the hospital today after tests revealed nothing seriously wrong.

## Steve Jones gets Olympic call

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Former world record holder Steve Jones is a late recruit to run the marathon for Britain in the Seoul Olympics — but not without controversy. The 33-year-old Welshman has been drafted in as a replacement for Hugh Jones, who pulled out of the team yesterday with achilles tendon problems.

## Keith begins final lap

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ontario, Aug. 29. (AP): Canadian marathoner Vicki Keith began swimming across Lake Ontario early today in the last lap of her quest to become the first person to swim all five great lakes.

## Kimball pleads innocent

TAMPA, Florida, Aug. 29. (AP): Former Olympic diver Bruce Kimball pleaded innocent today to alcohol-related manslaughter charges in an Aug. 1 traffic accident that killed two teenagers and injured six others.

## Half of Olympic tickets remain unsold

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 29. (AP): Less than three weeks before the Olympics open in Seoul, about half the sports event tickets remain unsold, the organisers said today. Meanwhile, local news reports said desperate buyers are offering up to \$4,000 for \$200 seats for the opening ceremonies on Sept. 17.

## Bayle takes 125cc motocross title

GENEVA, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Frenchman Jean-Marie Bayle captured the 125cc world motocross title after winning both races in the Swiss Grand Prix yesterday.

## Walker to miss Olympics

WELLINGTON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Injury has forced former world mile record holder and Montreal Olympic Games gold medalist John Walker out of the New Zealand Olympic team for Seoul.

Walker's availability for the Games had been in doubt after he was spiked in the achilles tendon during a race in Europe in July. He said in an interview the

injury took longer than expected to heal and prevented him from maintaining his training schedule. With the Games just three weeks away it was too late to catch up, he said.

"The Olympics is not just a place to compete," Walker said. "You go there to do your best and I had run out of time to get back up to my best."

Walker, at 36 a veteran of world athletics, was confident he would have made the finals of the 1500 metres at Seoul, if fit.

He ran in the 5,000 metres final at Los Angeles in 1984, but finished well down the field.

He said he had no plans to retire from athletics yet and hoped to be a commentator at the Seoul for a British TV network.

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